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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

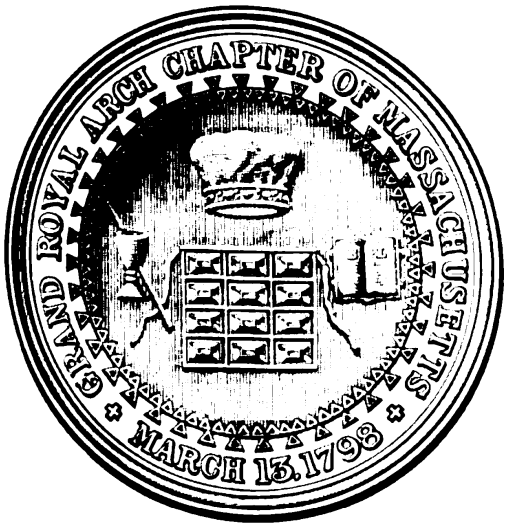
OF

MASSACHUSETTS

FROM MARCH 11 TO DECEMBER 9, 1919

M.·. E.·. JOHN J. VAN VALKENBURGH, GRAND HIGH PRIEST

M.·. E.·. FREDERICK T. COMEE, GRAND SECRETARY



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PROCEEDINGS

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QUARTERLY CONVOCATION

March 11, 1919

A Stated Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Tuesday, March 11, A.D. 1919, A.˙.I.˙. 2449.

ENTRANCE OF THE GRAND OFFICERS

The entrance of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Grand Officers was proclaimed by the Grand Captain of the Host at 7 o'clock P.M., and after devotional service led by Rev. Paul Sterling, Grand Chaplain, and singing the Battle Hymn of the Republic, the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M.˙. E.˙. J. J. Van Valkenburgh Grand High Priest
R.˙. E.˙. Curtis Chipman . . . Deputy Grand High Priest
R.˙. E.˙. Charles F. Mann . . Grand King

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R.·. E.·. William S. Hamilton .	Grand Scribe
M.·. E.·. Eugene A. Holton . .	Grand Treasurer
M.·. E.·. Frederick T. Comee . .	Grand Secretary
R.·. E.·. William M. Farrington.	D.·. D.·. G.·. H.·. P.·. Dist. 1
R.·. E.·. George W. Blinn . . .	" " " 2
R.·. E.·. Fred I. Gorton . . .	" " " 3
R.·. E.·. John B. Canfield . .	" " " 4
R.·. E.·. Clarence A. Brodeur .	" " " 5
R.·. E.·. Dwight M. Billings . .	" " " 6
R.·. E.·. Gardner R. P. Barker .	" " " 7
R.·. E.·. Fred Hobbs	" " " 8
R.·. E.·. Benjamin W. Clements.	" " " 9
R.·. E.·. William J. Wooldridge	" " " 10
R.·. E.·. Fred A. Young . . .	" " " 11
R.·. E.·. Arthur G. Guyer . .	" " " 12
R.·. E.·. Edward J. Ellis . . .	" " " 14
R.·. E.·. Martin J. Pleschinger .	" " " 15
E.·. Rev. Paul Sterling . .	Grand Chaplain
E.·.Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., LL.D.,	Grand Chaplain
E.·. Lorenzo L. Green . .	Grand Lecturer
E.·. Raymond T. Sewall . .	" "
E.·. Arthur Twitchell . .	Grand Captain of the Host
E.·. Francis J. Adams . .	Grand Principal Sojourner
E.·. Alton W. Eldridge . .	Grand Royal Arch Captain
E.·. Julian C. Woodman . .	Grand Master Third Veil
E.·. Winfield Temple . .	" " Second "
E.·. Eugene H. Brownell .	" " First "
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R.·. E.·. Henry S. Bunton . .	Past Deputy Grand High Priest
R.·. E.·. William B. Lawrence .	" " " " "
R.·. E.·. Jesse E. Ames . . .	" " " " "
R.·. E.·. Dwight E. Cone . . .	Past Grand King
R.·. E.·. Dean K. Webster . .	" " "

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R.·. E.·. M. PERRY SARGENT . .	Past	Grand	Scribe
R.·. E.·. EDWARD L. CHASE . .	"	"	"
R.·. E.·. WILLIAM M. THORUP . .	"	"	"
R.·. E.·. AUGUSTUS RIDGEWAY . .	"	"	"

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

ADONIRAM	MT. HOLYOKE	SATUCKET
COMPOSITE	MT. VERNON	SHEKINAH
CONCORD	MT. ZION	SIGNET
CORINTHIAN	MYSTIC	SOMERVILLE
CRESCENT	NORFOLK	SYLVESTER BAXTER
EUREKA	ORIENT	TABERNACLE
FALL RIVER	PARKER	THOMAS
GARDNER	PENTALPHA	UNION
HEBRON	PENTUCKET	UNITY
JOSEPH WARREN	PILGRIM	WALDEN
KEYSTONE	RABBONI	WAREHAM
KING HIRAM	READING	WASHINGTON
KING SOLOMON'S	ST. ANDREW'S	WAVERLY
MILLER	ST. MARK'S	WINTHROP
MENOTOMY	ST. PAUL'S	WOBURN
MORNING STAR	ST. STEPHEN'S	WORCESTER

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

AMHERST	MT. SINAI
MT. HOREB	TRINITY

GRAND CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

ALABAMA	KANSAS	QUEBEC
ARKANSAS	KENTUCKY	SOUTH CAROLINA
CANADA	MAINE	SOUTH DAKOTA
CONNECTICUT	NORTH DAKOTA	VIRGINIA
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	OKLAHOMA	WISCONSIN
IDAHO	OREGON	
ILLINOIS	PENNSYLVANIA	

The record of the Annual Convocation December 10, 1918, was approved as printed.

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INSTALLATION

The following officers elected or appointed who were not present at the Annual Convocation were installed by the Grand High Priest.

CHARLES F. MANN	R.·. E.·. Grand King
FREDERICK W. HAMILTON, D.D. LL.D.	E.·. Grand Chaplain
HARRY M. JONES	E.·. Grand Steward

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

IN GRAND CHAPTER, BOSTON, March 11, 1919.

The Committee appointed to review the address of M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest, Arthur D. Prince, delivered December 10, 1918, submit their report:

It is well said "that he who loves will serve," and the record of three years of loving and efficient service rendered by our M.·. E.·. Companion commands our admiration and arouses a grateful sense of appreciation.

His administration of the past year which is before us, and the immediate subject for this report was exceptional, in that it covers a period when the world was at war, bringing forth many problems for solution for which there were no established precedents, and which do not obtain under normal conditions. It is evident that our M.·. E.·. Companion has met these problems and solved them with a consciousness of the necessities of the hour, and with a leniency that has shown his sympathy and earnest desire to be helpful, maintaining always the dignity of our Grand Chapter and the due observance of the landmarks of Masonic procedure.

FRATERNAL COURTESIES

We are pleased to note the many fraternal and official visits and courtesies extended and exchanged during the year. This bringing together of Companions in fraternal intercourse is in every way desirable and commendable.

DISPENSATIONS

We are glad to note that the requests for dispensations have been carefully considered before any action was taken. We realize

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that many were granted to meet and expedite the convenience of men in the service of our country, and we assent that the motive and action was justifiable and meets with our approval. We also approve of the warning note that this leniency will cease with the return of peace.

We approve of the Special Dispensation of October 9, 1918, in reference to the influenza epidemic.

We approve of the stand taken that release of jurisdiction must be obtained before acting upon petition for the degrees from soldiers and sailors stationed temporarily within our state, for reasons set forth in the address.

General Grand Chapter

We note and cordially approve of the report given by the M.·. E.·. with reference to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter held at Baltimore, October 2 and 3, 1918. His reference to the hospitality extended by our Maryland Companions is not overdrawn nor exaggerated. It was truly brotherly and complete. As stated in the address the only disquieting matter that came before the Convention was the proposed change in the General Regulations by which the General Grand Chapter assumes supreme authority over all forms, ceremonies, and rituals. As the proposed change, if adopted, would affect every subordinate Chapter in Massachusetts it assumes a very vital aspect which should not be treated lightly or allowed to pass unnoticed, and it is the suggestion and hope of your Committee that the M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest will appoint a large and representative committee whose duty it shall be to carefully consider the proposed change and to report its findings to the Grand Chapter, so that the delegates to the coming Triennial may have knowledge as to the wishes of our subordinate Chapters, and instruction, perhaps, that will guide them in their action.

We approve of the conclusions arrived at and expressed by M.·. E.·. Companion Prince in the address.

Increased Revenue

Action upon the recommendations in reference to Increase of Revenues, and the acceptance of bequest from R.·. E.·. George M. Rice, was taken at the Annual Convocation in December, 1918, and therefore requires no further comment by your Committee.

In passing your Committee would be pleased to place upon record that in their opinion there can be no satisfactory "Condition of the Rite" without sufficient revenue to enable the Grand Chapter

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to meet its current expenses, and to maintain its dignity at all times, as a representative body with a constituency of over twenty-six thousand members.

We trust that the Grand Chapter will take such action tonight as will endorse and make active in letter and spirit the recommendation in the Annual Address with reference to "Condition of the Rite" and Increased Revenue.

Exemplifications

We note the stand taken by the M.·. E.·. for the enforcement of exemplifications of the degrees in the several districts, and believe with him that any neglect of Officers in the performance of their duty in this respect should subject them to severe discipline. We believe the Grand Chapter would approve and sustain the M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest in imposing the penalties provided by our Constitution for violation of any of its requirements. It is manifestly unfair that a few should, by their neglect or indifference, subject a whole district to adverse criticism.

Conclusion

The closing words of all addresses from the retiring head of Masonic bodies are usually so entirely of a personal nature that your Committee feel that any comment or review would be outside of their duty or jurisdiction. We do, however, unite with our Companions in hearty and cordial expressions of good-will, loving commendation, and best wishes for the future happiness and prosperity of M.·. E.·. Companion Arthur D. Prince.

Fraternally submitted,

J. Albert Blake.
Arthur G. Pollard.
Samuel F. Hubbard.

Accepted and suggestion adopted.

CHARTERS AND BY-LAWS

In Grand Royal Arch Chapter,
Boston, Mass., March 11, 1919.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

The Committee on Charters and By-Laws have examined the proposed amendment to the By-Laws submitted by Reading Royal

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Arch Chapter, Mt. Sinai Royal Arch Chapter, Cambridge Royal Arch Chapter, and the Royal Arch Chapter of the Shekinah and find the several amendments to be in conformity with the requirements of the Grand Constitution and we recommend that they be approved.

They have also examined the full code of By-Laws submitted by Washington Royal Arch Chapter of Salem, and find the same in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Constitution with the exception of Section 2 of Article VI relating to the election of Honorary Members—with the addition to this Section of the words, "Provided that his name shall be borne upon the notice for the Convocation at which action is to be taken," we recommend the code of By-Laws be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

JESSE E. AMES.
DEAN K. WEBSTER.
GARDNER R. P. BARKER.

Accepted and recommendations adopted.

REVENUE

IN GRAND CHAPTER, March 11, 1919.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions:

Your committee appointed to consider ways and means of increasing the revenue of this Grand Chapter have given the matter careful consideration, and find that the present revenue received from the subordinate Chapters is not sufficient to meet the running expenses of this Grand Body. Several ways have been considered, but the most equitable seems to your Committee to be a small per capita tax, and would therefore recommend that a per capita tax of ten cents be assessed on every affiliated Royal Arch Mason within this jurisdiction, to be paid by the several Chapters when making their Annual Returns. The first payment to be made with the returns of August 31, 1919.

Fraternally submitted,

EUGENE A. HOLTON.
J. ALBERT BLAKE.
WARREN B. ELLIS.

On motion of R.·. E.·. Edward L. Chase the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

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The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the application of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland for fraternal recognition, requested and was given further time.

Following the suggestion of the Committee on the address of M.·. E.·. Arthur D. Prince that a Committee be appointed to carefully consider the proposed new Constitution for the General Grand Chapter of the U. S. A., and report its findings to the Grand Chapter, that its delegates to the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Body may have knowledge concerning the wishes of our subordinate Chapters and perhaps instructions, to guide their actions, the Grand High Priest named as members of that Committee all the Past Grand High Priests with M.·. E.·. Arthur G. Pollard, chairman.

The Grand Secretary presented a letter from R.·. E.·. Francis L. Mitchell, the representative of this Grand Chapter, near the Grand Chapter of New York conveying, by request of the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, the fraternal greetings and good wishes of that Grand Chapter.

For a full hour the Companions present had the pleasure of listening to an able and interesting address by the Junior Grand Chaplain, Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., LL.D. Generally speaking the subject treated was the teachings of Masonry as related to current topics, and our duties to ourselves, our country and our God.

A unanimous rising vote of thanks, coupled with the request that he again favor the Grand Chapter with an address at a future convocation, was given Dr. Hamilton.

At 8.55 o'clock the Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form, Rev. Paul Sterling, Grand Chaplain, at the Altar.

A true record.

Frederick J. Conee

Grand Secretary.

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QUARTERLY CONVOCATION

JUNE 10, 1919

A Regular Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Tuesday, June 10, A.D. 1919, A.·. I.·. 2449.

ENTRANCE OF THE GRAND OFFICERS

The entrance of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Grand Officers was proclaimed by the Grand Captain of the Host at 7 o'clock P.M., and after prayer by Rev. R. Perry Bush, D.D., Grand Chaplain, and singing, the Grand Chapter was declared open in Ample Form.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M.·. E.·. J. J. VAN VALKENBURGH	Grand High Priest	
R.·. E.·. CURTIS CHIPMAN . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest	
R.·. E.·. CHARLES F. MANN . .	Grand King	
R.·. E.·. WILLIAM S. HAMILTON .	Grand Scribe	
M.·. E.·. EUGENE A. HOLTON . .	Grand Treasurer	
M.·. E.·. FREDERICK T. COMEE . .	Grand Secretary	
R.·. E.·. WILLIAM M. FARRINGTON.	D.·. D.·. G.·. H.·. P.·. Dist.	1
R.·. E.·. GEORGE W. BLINN . .	" " "	2
R.·. E.·. FRED I. GORTON . . .	" " "	3
R.·. E.·. JOHN B. CANFIELD . .	" " "	4
R.·. E.·. GARDNER R. P. BARKER .	" " "	7
R.·. E.·. FRED HOBBS	" " "	8
R.·. E.·. BENJAMIN W. CLEMENTS	" " "	9
R.·. E.·. WILLIAM J. WOOLDRIDGE	" " "	10
R.·. E.·. ARTHUR G. GUYER . .	" " "	12
R.·. E.·. EDWARD J. ELLIS . . .	" " "	14
R.·. E.·. MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER .	" " "	15
E.·. REV. R. PERRY BUSH, D.D.	Grand Chaplain	
E.·. FREDERICK W. HAMILTON, D.D., LL.D.,	Grand Chaplain	
E.·. LORENZO L. GREEN . .	Grand Lecturer	
E.·. RAYMOND T. SEWALL . .	" "	
E.·. ARTHUR TWITCHELL . .	Grand Captain of the Host	

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E.·. Francis J. Adams . .	Grand Principal Sojourner
E.·. Julian C. Woodman . .	Grand Master Third Veil
E.·. Winfield Temple . .	" " Second "
E.·. Eugene H. Brownell .	" " First "
E.·. Joseph H. Crosby . .	Grand Steward
E.·. Harry M. Jones . . .	" "
Comp. Josiah T. Dyer . . .	Grand Tyler

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M.·. E.·. Samuel F. Hubbard . .	" " " "
M.·. E.·. Eugene A. Holton . .	" " " "
M.·. E.·. Arthur D. Prince . .	" " " "
R.·. E.·. Olin D. Dickerman . .	Past Deputy Grand High Priest
R.·. E.·. Daniel L. Brownell .	Past Grand King
R.·. E.·. Edward O. Burton . .	" " "
R.·. E.·. M. Perry Sargent . .	Past Grand Scribe
R.·. E.·. R. Walter Hilliard . .	" " "
R.·. E.·. Edward L. Chase . .	" " "
R.·. E.·. William M. Thorup .	" " "
R.·. E.·. Augustus Ridgeway . .	" " "
R.·. E.·. Robert W. Oliver . .	" " "

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

Adoniram
Amity
Berkshire
Concord
Crescent
Doric
Evening Star*
Harmony
Hebron
Holton
Houghton
Isle of the Sea*
King Solomon's
Morning Star
Mt. Holyoke
Mt. Sinai
Mt. Zion
Mystic
Norfolk
Orient*
Parker
Pentalpha
Pilgrim
Reading
St. John's
St. Mark's
St. Matthew's
St. Paul's
St. Stephen's
Satucket
Signet
Somerville
Sylvester Baxter
Tabernacle
Trinity
Unity
Walden
Waltham
Wareham
Washington
Waverly
William Ferson
Winthrop
Worcester

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GRAND CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

ALBERTA	MAINE	PENNSYLVANIA
ARKANSAS	MISSISSIPPI	SOUTH CAROLINA
CANADA	NORTH CAROLINA	TENNESSEE
DELAWARE	NORTH DAKOTA	WISCONSIN
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	OKLAHOMA	
ILLINOIS	OREGON	

RECORD

The record of the Quarterly Convocation, March 11 was read and approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CHARTERS AND BY-LAWS

IN GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,
BOSTON, MASS., June 10, 1919.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Officers of the Grand Chapter:

The Committee on Charters and By-Laws have examined the proposed amendments to By-Laws submitted by Corinthian Chapter of Adams and Menotomy Royal Arch Chapter of Arlington and find them to be in conformity with the requirements of the Grand Constitution, and we recommend that they be accordingly approved.

JESSE E. AMES.
DEAN K. WEBSTER.
GARDNER R. P. BARKER.

Recommendation adopted.

MT. WOLLASTON CHAPTER, U. D.

IN GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,
BOSTON, MASS., June 10, 1919.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Members of the Grand Chapter:

The Committee appointed to examine Mt. Wollaston Chapter, U. D., with reference to the advisability of granting a Charter submits the following report:

Your Committee has made due inquiry and investigation regarding the affairs of this Chapter, which we find in a very prosperous

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condition. A considerable volume of work has offered itself, and at the conclusion a few days hence the Chapter will have made not less than fifty Royal Arch Masons during the past year. As the Chapter is situated in a growing community which seems well provided with good Masonic material, it seems reasonable to your Committee that an amount of work sufficient to insure the financial success of the Chapter will continue to present itself. Your Committee finds also that over eighty Royal Arch Masons have signified their intention to become members of this Chapter, should a Charter be granted, and have already deposited their affiliation fees in the Treasury, which your Committee is assured is provided with a comfortable working balance, with no outstanding obligations.

Your Committee has also inspected the mode of work. The degrees are conferred in a very creditable manner by an interested and efficient line of officers in a way calculated to uphold the dignity of Royal Arch Masonry.

Your Committee is of the opinion that Mt. Wollaston Chapter, U. D., is in every way qualified to receive a Charter and respectfully recommends that the same be granted.

LORENZO L. GREEN,
RAYMOND T. SEWALL,
GARDNER R. P. BARKER,
Committee.

The report was received and it was unanimously voted, That a Charter be granted Mt. Wollaston Royal Arch Chapter and the Chapter be duly constituted at the Convenience of the Grand High Priest.

In behalf of M.·. E.·. Warren B. Ellis the following amendment to the Digest of Capitular Law was presented:

Amend the Digest of Capitular Law under the title of "Membership" by adding to the first sentence the following words—"or charge, provided, however, that he shall sign the By-Laws within six months from the date of his exaltation." The paragraph will then read:

MEMBERSHIP

A Royal Arch Mason exalted in this jurisdiction shall be *ipso facto* a member of the Chapter which exalted him without further ballot or charge, provided, however, that he shall sign the By-Laws within six months from the date of his exaltation, except where the

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work has been done by request of, and for, another Chapter, in which case the Companion will thereby become a member of the Chapter which made the request.

Referred to

WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE.
J. ALBERT BLAKE.
SAMUEL F. HUBBARD.

The Grand Secretary read a letter from R.·. E.·. Francis L. Mitchell, the Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of New York, expressing the fraternal greetings of that Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest then invited M.·. E.·. Arthur D. Prince to favor the Companions with a few remarks relating to his recent visit to Europe. The M.·. E.·. Companion responded in his customary happy manner, which gave much pleasure to those present.

After a brief service of song, and prayer by Rev. R. Perry Bush, D.D., Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form at quarter past eight, and the Companions listened to an interesting address by Rev. Brother Joel H. Metcalf of Winchester, who recently returned from active service at the battle front in the Y.M.C.A., being attached to the First Battalion of the Seventh Regiment, United States Regular Infantry. An excellent description of his experience in the trenches and under shell fire was given which was very interesting, and the appreciation of it was expressed by a unanimous rising vote of thanks.

The Companions then repaired to the Banquet Hall, where the enjoyment of the evening terminated.

A true record.

Frederick T. Conee
Grand Secretary.

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QUARTERLY CONVOCATION

SEPTEMBER 9, 1919

A Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Tuesday, September 9, A.D, 1919.

The entrance of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Grand Officers was proclaimed by the Grand Captain of the Host at 7 o'clock P.M., and the Grand Chapter opened in Ample Form, Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., LL.D., Grand Chaplain, offering prayer.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M.·. E.·.	J. J. VAN VALKENBURGH	Grand High Priest
R.·. E.·.	CURTIS CHIPMAN . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest
R.·. E.·.	CHARLES F. MANN . .	Grand King
R.·. E.·.	AUGUSTUS RIDGEWAY . *as*	Grand Scribe
M.·. E.·.	EUGENE A. HOLTON . .	Grand Treasurer
M.·. E.·.	FREDERICK T. COMEE . .	Grand Secretary
R.·. E.·.	WILLIAM M. FARRINGTON.	D.·. D.·. G.·. H.·. P.·. Dist. 1
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R.·. E.·.	CHARLES E. A. ROSS . .	" " " 13
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E.·.	REV FREDERICK W. HAMILTON, D.D., LL.D.,	Grand Chaplain
E.·.	LORENZO L. GREEN . .	Grand Lecturer
E.·.	RAYMOND T. SEWALL . .	" "
E.·.	FRANCIS J. ADAMS . .	Grand Principal Sojourner
E.·.	ALTON W. ELDRIDGE . .	Grand Royal Arch Captain
E.·.	WINFIELD TEMPLE . .	Grand Master Second Veil
E.·.	EUGENE H. BROWNELL .	" " First "
E.·.	JOSEPH H. CROSBY . .	Grand Steward
E.·.	HARRY M. JONES . . .	" "
COMP.·	JOSIAH T. DYER . . .	Grand Tyler

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R.·. E.·. Robert W. Oliver . .	" " "

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

Adoniram	Mt. Sinai	Shekinah
Bancroft	Mt. Vernon	Signet
Concord	Mt. Zion	Somerville
Crescent	Mystic	Sylvester Baxter
Dorchester	Newton	Tabernacle
Doric	Northampton	Thomas
Eureka	Orient	Trinity
Harmony	Parker	Union
Hebron	Pentalpha	Walden
Holten	Pilgrim	Waltham
Ipswich*	St. Andrew's	Wareham
King Hiram	St. John's	Washington
King Solomon's*	St. Mark's	Waverly
Menotomy	St. Matthew's	William Ferson
Morning Star	St. Paul's	Winthrop
Mt. Holyoke*	St. Stephen's	Worcester
Mt. Horeb	Satucket	

GRAND CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

Alabama	Idaho	South Carolina
Alberta	Maine	Tennessee
Arkansas	Mississippi	Virginia
Canada	North Carolina	Washington
Connecticut	North Dakota	Wisconsin
Delaware	Pennsylvania	
District of Columbia	Rhode Island	

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The record of the Quarterly Convocation June 10 was read and approved.

The Committee on the proposed amendment to the Digest of Capitular Law was granted further time.

The Committee appointed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest to visit and examine Vineyard Chapter, U.D., located in the Town of Tisbury on the Island of Martha's Vineyard, presented the following report:

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Members of the Grand Chapter:

Your Committee appointed to examine Vineyard Chapter, U. D., wishes to make the following report:

We visited Vineyard Chapter, U. D., on June 17, when the R.·. A.·. degree was worked on three candidates.

We found the Chapter in a healthy condition and very well equipped. The books seemed to be well kept, all bills paid, with a small amount of money in the bank.

While the work rendered was far from perfect, we were impressed by the interest and enthusiasm of the officers, and saw a marked improvement in the work since our last visit.

One of the most unfortunate conditions connected with this Chapter is the fact that the High Priest is located in a distant city.

Your Committee is unanimous in the opinion that a Charter should be granted to Vineyard Chapter, U. D.

ARTHUR G. GUYER,
LORENZO L. GREEN,
RAYMOND T. SEWALL,
Committee.

The report was accepted and by a unanimous vote a charter was granted Vineyard Royal Arch Chapter.

R.·. E.·. William B. Lawrence, the representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama near this Grand Chapter, in appropriate words mentioned the death of M.·. E.·. John Gilbert Smith, a Past Grand High Priest of that Jurisdiction.

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The Grand Secretary reported the receipt of an announcement of the formation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and the matter was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to report at the Annual Convocation in December.

The Grand Secretary also reported the receipt of a letter from R.·. E.·. Francis L. Mitchell, the representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of New York, extending the congratulations and good will of that Grand Chapter and expressing his personal wish that "peace, contentment and happiness" remain in this Grand Chapter.

Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., LL.D., the R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary of our M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge, favored the Grand Chapter with a brief description of his recent visit to England as the guest of the United Grand Lodge of England. A meeting of English-speaking Masons was held in London June 27, some 8500 brethren being present from various jurisdictions of the world, sixteen Grand Lodges of the United States being represented. It was a Masonic Celebration of Peace and E.·. Companion Hamilton's description of it was so enjoyable and instructive that he received a rising vote of thanks.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Paul Sterling, Grand Chaplain, "Old Hundred" sung, and the Grand Chapter closed in Ample Form at ten minutes past eight o'clock.

The Companions then witnessed some interesting views, connected with the great World War, which were very ably and interestingly explained by Captain Percy J. Wilson, Scribe of Mt. Horeb R.·. A.·. Chapter. Captain Wilson was with the 304th Engineers of the 79th Division and was later attached to the Royal Engineers of the British Army. He had especially favorable opportunities for examining the English engineering works and the condition

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of them after bombardment by the Germans. Close attention was given Captain Wilson's remarks and hearty applause at the conclusion of them expressed the pleasure he had given his Companions.

The customary dinner followed.

A true record:

Attest:

Frederick T. Comee

Grand Secretary.

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SPECIAL CONVOCATION

SEPTEMBER 29, 1919

A Special Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held in the part of the City of Quincy, Mass., known as Wollaston, September 29, A. D. 1919, A.·. I.·. 2449, for the purpose of constituting Mt. Wollaston Royal Arch Chapter.

After enjoying the hospitality of the Wollaston Companions manifested in a very satisfactory dinner served in the Banquet Room in the Masonic Building, the members of the Grand Chapter assembled in an ante room adjoining the Chapter Hall at 8 o'clock P.M., and the Grand Chapter was opened with the following members present:

M.·. E.·. J. J. VAN VALKENBURGH	Grand High Priest
R.·. E.·. CURTIS CHIPMAN . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest
R.·. E.·. WILLIAM S. HAMILTON .	Grand Scribe
M.·. E.·. SAMUEL F. HUBBARD . *as*	Grand Treasurer
M.·. E.·. FREDERICK T. COMEE . .	Grand Secretary
R.·. E.·. GARDNER R. P. BARKER .	D.·. D.·. G.·. H.·. P.·. Dist. 7
E.·. REV. R. PERRY BUSH, D.D.	Grand Chaplain
E.·. REV. FREDERICK W. HAMILTON, D.D., LL.D.,	Grand Chaplain
E.·. RAYMOND T. SEWALL . .	Grand Lecturer
E.·. ARTHUR TWITCHELL . .	Grand Captain of the Host
E.·. HARRY M. JONES . . .	Grand Steward
COMP. JOSIAH T. DYER . . .	Grand Tyler
M.·. E.·. ARTHUR D. PRINCE . .	Past Grand High Priest
R.·. E.·. EDWARD E. JAMESON . .	Past Grand King

On entering the Chapter Hall the Grand High Priest was received with the honor due his office. He immediately assumed the East and directed the Grand Officers to occupy their respective stations.

After prayer by Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., LL.D., and an oration of Rev. R. Perry Bush, D.D., the

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Grand Captain of the Host directed the Companions of Mt. Wollaston Chapter to arise and the Grand High Priest instructed the Grand Secretary to read the Charter.

The Grand High Priest then constituted Mt. Wollaston Chapter in Due and Ancient Form, the dedicatory service being rendered by Grand Chaplain Rev. R. Perry Bush, D.D.

The Officers of the Chapter were then installed as follows:

WALTER E. WELD, High Priest, by the Grand High Priest.
PHILIP H. GALLAHER, King, by the Deputy Grand High Priest.
EDGAR L. DE FOREST, Scribe, by the Grand Scribe.

The remaining officers were installed by E.·. Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Lecturer, and the proclamation was made that the Officers of Mt. Wollaston Chapter had been duly installed into their respective offices, and the Chapter duly organized for the transaction of any business that may regularly be presented.

On the request of the M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest, the E.·. High Priest, assumed the East and in well-chosen language expressed the thanks of the Companions of Mt. Wollaston Chapter for the confidence placed in their ability to properly conduct the affairs of a Royal Arch Chapter and for its Constitution.

The Grand Chapter then retired to the ante room and was closed.

Attest:

Frederick T. Conner

Grand Secretary.

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SPECIAL CONVOCATION

October 16, 1919

A Special Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held in the part of the Town of Tisbury known as Vineyard Haven, October 16, A.D. 1919, A.·. I.·. 2449, for the purpose of constituting Vineyard Royal Arch Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was declared open in an ante room in the Masonic Building at 5.45 o'clock P.M., the following Companions being present:

M.·. E.·. J. J. Van Valkenburgh	Grand High Priest
M.·. E.·. Samuel F. Hubbard *as*	Grand King
M.·. E.·. Warren B. Ellis . *as*	Grand Scribe
M.·. E.·. Eugene A. Holton . .	Grand Treasurer
M.·. E.·. Frederick T. Comee . .	Grand Secretary
R.·. E.·. Arthur G. Guyer . .	D.·. D.·. G.·. H.·. P.·. Dist. 12
E.·. Rev. Paul Sterling . .	Grand Chaplain
E.·. Frederick W. Hamilton,	D.D., LL.D., Grand Chaplain
E.·. Raymond T. Sewall . .	Grand Lecturer
E.·. Arthur Twitchell . .	Grand Captain of the Host
E.·. Julian C. Woodman . .	Grand Master Third Veil
Comp. Josiah T. Dyer . . .	Grand Tyler

Under escort of a Committee the Grand High Priest was conducted to the Chapter Hall and received by Vineyard Chapter, U.D., with the honors due his exalted station. On invitation of the High Priest he immediately assumed the East and requested the Grand Officers to occupy their respective stations.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Paul Sterling, Grand Chaplain, and an address delivered by Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton D.D., LL.D.

In full and regular form Vineyard Chapter was duly constituted, its dedication being by Rev. Paul Sterling.

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After the Constitution the High Priest assumed the East and declared an intermission for dinner. Ladies were then admitted and after a brief reception to the Grand High Priest and Officers, the Companions and their guests repaired to the banquet room where a turkey dinner, prepared by the Ladies of the Eastern Star, was served, after which the Grand Chapter repaired to an ante room and was closed.

After a short social period, the Companions with their guests, returned to the Chapter Hall where the Officers of Vineyard Chapter were publicly installed, the Excellent High Priest by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and the remainder of the Officers by E.·. Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Lecturer.

The Grand Captain of the Host then proclaimed that the Officers of Vineyard Chapter had been duly installed into their respective stations, and the Chapter was duly organized for the transaction of any business that might regularly be presented.

After listening to brief remarks from some of the members of the Grand Chapter generally expressing congratulations to the new Chapter and sincere wishes for its success, Vineyard Chapter was declared closed.

Attest:

Frederick T. Comee

Grand Secretary.

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ANNUAL CONVOCATION

DECEMBER 9, 1919

The one hundred twenty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Tuesday, December 9, 1919.

MORNING SESSION

The entrance of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest was announced at 9.30 o'clock and the Grand Chapter was opened for the Annual Exemplification of the work and lectures of the Capitular Degrees, Rev. Paul Sterling, Grand Chaplain, officiating at the Altar.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M.·. E.·. J. J. VAN VALKENBURGH	Grand High Priest	
R.·. E.·. CHARLES F. MANN . .	Grand King	
R.·. E.·. WILLIAM S. HAMILTON .	Grand Scribe	
M.·. E.·. EUGENE A. HOLTON . .	Grand Treasurer	
M.·. E.·. FREDERICK T. COMEE . .	Grand Secretary	
R.·. E.·. WILLIAM M. FARRINGTON.	D.·. D.·. G.·. H.·. P.·. Dist.	1
R.·. E.·. GEORGE W. BLINN . .	" " "	2
R.·. E.·. JOHN B. CANFIELD . .	" " "	4
R.·. E.·. CLARENCE A. BRODEUR .	" " "	5
R.·. E.·. DWIGHT M. BILLINGS . .	" " "	6
R.·. E.·. FRED HOBBS	" " "	8
E.·. REV. PAUL STERLING . .	Grand Chaplain	
E.·. LORENZO L. GREEN . .	Grand Lecturer	
E.·. RAYMOND T. SEWALL . .	" "	
E.·. ARTHUR TWITCHELL . .	Grand Captain of the Host	
E.·. FRANCIS J. ADAMS . .	Grand Principal Sojourner	
E.·. JOSEPH H. CROSBY . .	Grand Steward	
COMP. JOSIAH T. DYER . . .	Grand Tyler	

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PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT

M.·. E.·. Frederick T. Comee . . Past Grand High Priest
M.·. E.·. Warren B. Ellis . . " " " "
M.·. E.·. Samuel F. Hubbard . . " " " "
M.·. E.·. Eugene A. Holton . . " " " "
R.·. E.·. William R. Johnson . Past Deputy Grand High Priest
R.·. E.·. William B. Lawrence . " " " " "
R.·. E.·. Daniel L. Brownell . . Past Grand King
R.·. E.·. G. Sidney Macfarlane . " " "
R.·. E.·. Charles W. Delano . . " " "
R.·. E.·. M. Perry Sargent . . Past Grand Scribe
R.·. E.·. Frank B. Spalter . . " " "
R.·. E.·. Edward L. Chase . . " " "
R.·. E.·. William M. Thorup . . " " "
R.·. E.·. Augustus Ridgeway . . " " "

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

Adoniram
Amherst
Bancroft
Bethsaida
Clinton
Composite
Concord
Corinthian
Crescent
Dorchester
Doric
Eureka
Fall River
Franklin
Gardner
Hampden
Harmony
Hebron
Houghton
Ipswich
King Cyrus
King Solomon's
Keystone
Miller
Monument
Morning Star
Mt. Holyoke
Mt. Lebanon
Mt. Sinai
Mt. Wollaston
Mt. Zion
Newton
Orient
North Star
Pentalpha
Pilgrim
Rabboni
Reading
St. Elmo
St. John's
St. Mark's
St. Paul's
St. Stephen's
Satucket
Shekinah
Signet
Sylvester Baxter
Tabernacle
Thomas
Trinity
Union
Unity
Vineyard
Walden
Waltham
Wareham
Washington
William Ferson
Winthrop
Woburn
Worcester

GRAND CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

Alabama
Arizona
Kansas
North Carolina
Virginia
Washington

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CANADA	OKLAHOMA	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	PENNSYLVANIA	

The Grand High Priest after expressing his satisfaction in being able to welcome an unusually large number of Companions at the opening of a session to be devoted to an Exemplification of the work, requested the Senior Grand Lecturer, E.·. Lorenzo L. Green, to assume the East and proceed with the duties of the day.

E.·. Companion Green on complying with the request also expressed his pleasure in having so many Companions present on such a stormy morning, and asked that closest attention be given the exercises that the work of the Chapters in the Jurisdiction might be as nearly uniform and correct as possible.

The work and lectures of the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Degrees were given in the morning and the Royal Arch Degree in the afternoon under the following organization:

E.·. LORENZO L. GREEN, High Priest.
E.·. RAYMOND T. SEWALL, King.
E.·. JOHN E. GUILD, High Priest, Waverly Chapter, Scribe.
E.·. REV. PAUL STERLING, Grand Chaplain, Chaplain.
COMP. JOHN KEAYS, King Parker Chapter, Captain of the Host.
COMP. D. HENRY CHILDS, Scribe of St. Andrew's Chapter, Principal Sojourner.
COMP. JOSEPH B. ROSS, Principal Sojourner Newton Chapter, Royal Arch Captain.
E.·. HENRY C. BURNHAM, High Priest of Concord Chapter, Master Third Veil.
COMP. RALPH L. HASTINGS, King of Walden Chapter, Master Second Veil.
COMP. JAMES K. EATON, Master Third Veil Winthrop Chapter, Master First Veil.
COMP. FRANK E. BACON, Senior Steward St. Andrew's Chapter, Senior Steward.

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COMP. CHARLES B. WOOD, Tyler St. Andrew's Chapter, Junior Steward.
COMP. ERNEST L. MAHAFFEY, Chapter of the Shekinah, Organist.
COMP. EDWARD F. JACOBS, Tyler.

And three Companions as candidates.

E.·. LORENZO L. GREEN presided in the Past and R.·. A.·. Degrees.
E.·.RAYMOND T. SEWALL presided in the Mark and M.·. E.·. Degrees.

The lectures were given by the following Companions:

Mark Master Mason, JOSEPH B. ROSS and JAMES K. EATON.
Past Master, HENRY C. BURNHAM and RALPH L. HASTINGS.
Most Excellent Master, JOSEPH B. ROSS and D. HENRY CHILDS.
Royal Arch, JOHN E. GUILD and JOHN KEAYS.

In each lecture, the Companion first named interrogated and his associate answered.

The time consumed in rendering the degrees and lectures was as follows: Mark 1 hour 50 minutes, Past 25 minutes, Most Excellent 1 hour 15 minutes, Royal Arch 2 hours 25 minutes.

The almost perfect rendition of the Ritual, its delivery and the excellence of the floor work were very complimentary to the Grand Lecturers and their assistants and highly appreciated by the Companions present.

The exemplifications were completed at 5.05 o'clock and an intermission was declared until the evening session.

EVENING SESSION

The entrance of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Grand Officers was proclaimed by the Grand Captain of the Host at 7 o'clock and the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form for the transaction of the annual business of the Grand Chapter, Rev. Paul Sterling, Grand Chaplain, offering prayer.

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GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M.·. E.·. J. J. Van Valkenburgh	Grand High Priest
R.·. E.·. Curtis Chipman . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest
R.·. E.·. Charles F. Mann . .	Grand King
R.·. E.·. William S. Hamilton .	Grand Scribe
M.·. E.·. Eugene A. Holton . .	Grand Treasurer
M.·. E.·. Frederick T. Comee . .	Grand Secretary
R.·. E.·. George W. Blinn . . .	D.·. D.·. G.·. H.·. P.·. Dist. 2
R.·. E.·. John B. Canfield . .	" " " 4
R.·. E.·. Dwight M. Billings . .	" " " 6
R.·. E.·. Gardner R. P. Barker .	" " " 7
R.·. E.·. Fred Hobbs	" " " 8
R.·. E.·. Benjamin W. Clements	" " " 9
R.·. E.·. Arthur G. Guyer . .	" " " 12
R.·. E.·. Charles E. A. Ross . .	" " " 13
R.·. E.·. Edward J. Ellis . . .	" " " 14
R.·. E.·. Martin J. Pleschinger .	" " " 15
E.·. Rev. Paul Sterling . .	Grand Chaplain
E.·. Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., LL.D.,	Grand Chaplain
E.·. Lorenzo L. Green . .	Grand Lecturer
E.·. Raymond T. Sewall . .	" "
E.·. Francis J. Adams . .	Grand Principal Sojourner
E.·. Julian C. Woodman . .	Grand Master Third Veil
E.·. Eugene H. Brownell .	" " First "
E.·. Joseph H. Crosby . .	Grand Steward
E.·. Harry M. Jones . . .	" "
Comp. Josiah T. Dyer . . .	Grand Tyler

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT

M.·. E.·. Frederick T. Comee . .	Past Grand High Priest
M.·. E.·. J. Albert Blake . . .	" " " "
M.·. E.·. Warren B. Ellis . .	" " " "
M.·. E.·. Samuel F. Hubbard . .	" " " "
M.·. E.·. Eugene A. Holton . .	" " " "
R.·. E.·. Samuel A. Phelps . .	Past Deputy Grand High Priest
R.·. E.·. William B. Lawrence .	" " " " "
R.·. E.·. Jesse E. Ames . . .	" " " " "
R.·. E.·. Charles H. Preston . .	" " " " "
R.·. E.·. James S. Blake . . .	" " " " "
R.·. E.·. Olin D. Dickerman . .	" " " " "

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R.·. E.·. Enoch G. Best . . .	Past	Grand	King
R.·. E.·. Henry E. Gaylord . .	"	"	"
R.·. E.·. Daniel L. Brownell . .	"	"	"
R.·. E.·. David T. Montague . .	"	"	"
R.·. E.·. Dwight E. Cone . . .	"	"	"
R.·. E.·. Charles W. Delano . .	"	"	"
R.·. E.·. Dean K. Webster . .	"	"	"
R.·. E.·. M. Perry Sargent . .	Past	Grand	Scribe
R.·. E.·. Robert W. Oliver . .	"	"	"
R.·. E.·. Augustus Ridgeway .	"	"	"
R.·. E.·. William M. Thorup . .	"	"	"

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

Adoniram	Miller	St. Stephen's
Amherst	Monument	Satucket
Bancroft	Morning Star	Shekinah
Bethsaida	Mt. Holyoke	Signet
Cambridge	Mt. Horeb	Somerville
Composite	Mt. Lebanon	Sutton
Concord	Mt. Sinai	Sylvester Baxter
Corinthian	Mt. Vernon	Tabernacle
Crescent	Mt. Wollaston	Thomas
Dorchester	Mt. Zion	Trinity
Doric	Mystic	Union
Eureka	Newton	Unity
Evening Star	Norfolk	Vineyard
Fall River	Parker	Walden
Gardner	Pilgrim	Waltham
Harmony	Rabboni	Wareham
Hebron*	Reading	Washington
Houghton	St. Andrew's	Waverly
Ipswich	St. Elmo	William Ferson
King Cryus	St. John's	Winthrop
King Hiram	St. Mark's	Woburn
King Solomon's	St. Paul's	Worcester

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Alabama	Illinois	Oklahoma
Alberta	Kentucky	Oregon

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CALIFORNIA	MISSISSIPPI	RHODE ISLAND
CANADA	MISSOURI	SOUTH DAKOTA
CONNECTICUT	NEBRASKA	VIRGINIA
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	NORTH CAROLINA	WASHINGTON
FLORIDA	NORTH DAKOTA	WISCONSIN

The record of the Quarterly Convocation of September 9, of the Special Convocations at Wollaston, September 29, and at Vineyard Haven, October 16, were read and approved.

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

IN GRAND CHAPTER, December 9, 1919.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter:

The Committee on Jurisprudence have examined the proposed amendment to the Digest of Capitular Law presented at the Quarterly Convocation in June and printed on the notice of this One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Convocation, and would recommend that if amended by striking out the words *"provided however, that"* and substituting therefor the word *"and"*; the proposed amendment be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE,
J. ALBERT BLAKE,
SAMUEL F. HUBBARD,
Committee.

On motion duly made the amendment was not adopted.

COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND BY-LAWS

IN GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,
BOSTON, MASS., December 9, 1919.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts:

Your Committee on Charters and By-Laws have examined the full code of By-Laws submitted by St. Andrew's R.·. A.·. Chapter, and find it to be in conformity with the Grand Constitution, and recommend it for approval, advising that the words "if any" be added to Article III, Section 2, as the Grand Chapter has no prescribed form for applications for Membership.

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Your Committee have examined the full code of By-Laws submitted by Vineyard R.·. A.·. Chapter and find them to be in conformity with the Grand Constitution, but in the copy submitted there is a misuse of several words which should be corrected. We therefore recommend that they be approved after the correction of these errors which are evidently clerical.

Your Committee have examined the full code of By-Laws submitted by Mt. Wollaston R.·. A.·. Chapter and find them to be in conformity with the Grand Constitution and recommend them for approval.

Your Committee have also examined the proposed amendments to their By-Laws submitted by Pentalpha R .·.A.·. Chapter of Weymouth and Mt. Horeb R.·. A.·. Chapter of Lowell and find them to be in conformity with the Grand Constitution and recommend them for approval.

Your Committee have also examined a proposed amendment to their By-Laws submitted by Doric R.·. A.·. Chapter of Southbridge, the purpose of the amendment being to increase the dues. A provision of the proposed By-Laws, however, states that if any member shall refuse or neglect to pay his dues for one year he shall "cease to be a member" by a vote of the Chapter. Your Committee recommend that the phrase "cease to be a member" be changed to "may be suspended" and that in this form the By-Laws be approved, this to comply with the Digest of Capitular Law, Pages 44 and 45.

Fraternally submitted,

JESSE E. AMES.
DEAN K. WEBSTER.
GARDNER R. P. BARKER.

Accepted and recommendations adopted.

GRAND CHAPTER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Committee on the application of the new Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia for fraternal recognition recommended granting the request and the exchange of Representatives at its pleasure.

Adopted.

On motion of M.·. E.·. Warren B. Ellis, one hundred dollars was donated to the widow of one of our Past Grand High Priests.

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Memorial

R.·. E.·. William Edward Livingston, one of Lowell's prominent business men, passed away at his home on July 5, 1919, at the age of eighty-seven years.

For some weeks Companion Livingston had been in failing health, but had been able to appear at his office and conduct business up to within a short time of his death.

Companion Livingston was the son of William Livingston. He was born in Lowell June 25, 1832.

He received his education in the Lowell public schools and at the Williston Seminary at East Hampton. Upon completing his studies he became associated with his father, who was engaged in the retail coal business, this firm having been established in 1828. He was a partner in the business until the death of his father in 1855, when he succeeded to the business, which under his management experienced a steady growth and had more than doubled in volume at the time of his decease. He was married to Miss E. C. King of Lowell on September 23, 1857, and of this union one son and three daughters survive him.

Companion Livingston was interested in all things pertaining to the welfare of his native city and had been frequently honored with position of trust and responsibility both in the city and state.

He was chosen a member of the commission which constructed the public water works system of the city. He served as a member of the Board of Aldermen in 1867 and 1868 and as a member of the State Legislature in 1875 and 1876. He was also a member of the Commission which built the City Hall and Memorial Building in 1892. He was a member for many years of the "Lowell Highland Club," of which organization he had served as President, and was also a member of "The Club," and the "Martin Luther

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Club." He was a director of the Appleton National Bank and the Lowell Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Vice President of the City Institution for Savings and a member of the Lowell Board of Trade and Master Builders Association.

His Masonic Record is as follows:

Raised in Ancient York Lodge on March 4, 1866, and demitted December 6, 1870, becoming a member of William North Lodge January 7, 1871. He served this Lodge as its Worshipful Master from October, 1872, to October, 1874. He was exalted in Mt. Horeb R.·. A.·. Chapter March 4, 1867, served in various offices and finally becoming High Priest, in which office he served from October, 1877, to October, 1879. He was elected Grand Scribe of this Grand Chapter in 1899. He became a member of Ahasuerus Council May 6, 1867, and served as a Thrice Illustrious Master from October, 1871, to October, 1874. He served the Grand Council as Deputy Grand Master for the year 1890. He was Knighted in Pilgrim Commandery, No. 9, K. T., April 17, 1867, and while he never served as Eminent Commander, he was a frequent attendant at its Conclaves, and was a true Sir Knight in every sense. He was a member of Lowell Lodge of Perfection, Lowell Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Mount Calvary Chapter of Rose Croix, a member of Massachusetts Consistory Thirty-second degree. He was crowned Honorary Member of the Supreme Council Thirty-third Degree September 15, 1891. He was also for many years Treasurer of Masonic Relief Association of Lowell and also served as president of the Lowell Masonic Association.

Companion Livingston belonged to the Elders of the Craft in his home city, one of that eminent group of distinguished men and Masons who guided the destiny of the Institution in the years following the Civil War. During

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later life his health did not permit active participation in our work so the younger generation is not familiar with the generous and valuable service he rendered to the Institution, for modesty was his leading characteristic.

These few words give but a feeble idea of the man we loved. He will be remembered as one who, without ostentation, extended the hand of charity to the needy and suffering, and quietly performed acts of fraternal kindness and gentle courtesy, which proved him to be a faithful Mason and a true man. He secured from all who knew him the most complete trust and warmest affection. All lives that touched his are richer therefor, and the community is the poorer for his passing, after a long, honorable and useful life, to his eternal rest.

ARTHUR D. PRINCE.
BENJAMIN W. CLEMENTS.
HARRY G. POLLARD.

Accepted to be included in the record.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The following Companions were officially received and cordially welcomed.

M.·. I.·. Wallace C. Keith, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Massachusetts, accompanied by M.·. I.·. Eugene E. Hinman, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of New York.

M.·. E.·. Samuel B. Furbush, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maine.

M.·. W.·. Leon M. Abbott, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Each of the Companions gracefully responded to the reception given by the Grand High Priest, M.·. W.·. Brother and Excellent Companion Abbott adding to his official remarks an earnest expression of his sincere personal

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affection and brotherly feeling for our Grand High Priest, resulting from a very close and intimate association with him extending over many years.

ANNUAL REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

IN GRAND R.·. A.·. CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, MASS., December 9, 1919.

The Committee on Returns respectfully report that they have compared the abstract furnished by the Grand Secretary with the returns of the several Chapters, and find the following results:

Membership report last year		26,848	
Less corrections by Secretaries		23	
		26,825	
Exaltations to August 31, 1919	1,972		
Affiliations and reinstatements	98	2,070	
			28,895
Dismissions		149	
Suspensions		89	
Deaths		620	858
August 31, 1919, Membership			28,037
Net Gain			1,212
The receipts have been			
2039 Candidates "marked"		$10,195.00	
Per capita and fees		3,301.70	
			$13,496.70

Fraternally submitted,

DAVID T. MONTAGUE,
MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
GEORGE A. CHISHOLM,
Committee.

GRAND SECRETARY

IN GRAND CHAPTER, December 9, 1919.

EXHIBIT OF WORK

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS		
1918 Balance	$48.10	
Dimit Blanks	10.00	
Supplies	246.27	
Dispensations	105.00	
Delinquent Returns	100.00	
Traveling Certificates	227.00	
Per Capita and Fees	3,301.70	
Candidates	10,195.00	
		$14,233.07
DISBURSEMENTS		
Grand Treasurer	$14,029.40	
Postage, Express, Incidentals	93.53	
Cash forward	110.14	
		$14,233.07

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK T. COMEE,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND TREASURER

IN GRAND CHAPTER, BOSTON, December 9, 1919.

Balance to new account December 10, 1918	$4,035.14
Received from Grand Council, R.·. and S.·. M.·., Rent, etc.	216.00
" " Interest	2,015.94
" " George M. Rice Fund	1,000.00
" " Grand Secretary	14,029.40
" " Sale of Liberty Bonds 3½%	2,008.00
Total	$23,304.48

DISBURSMENTS

For Printing Proceedings	$736.87
" " and Postage	391.31

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For	Binding	$133.75
"	Engraving and Plate Printing	502.02
"	Engrossing	72.25
"	Traveling Card Cases	182.00
"	Returns to General Grand Chapter	268.48
"	Donation to Public Safety Committee	100.00
"	Charity	350.00
"	Music	35.00
"	Flowers	14.50
"	George M. Rice Fund	1,012.64
"	Salary Grand Secretary	1,200.00
"	" Committee on Correspondence	200.00
"	" Grand Treasurer	100.00
"	" " Lecturers	350.00
"	" " Tyler	25.00
"	Collations and Entertainments	1,034.96
"	Expense of Exemplification	73.36
"	Grand Lodge, Rent and Light	895.93
"	Grand High Priest	142.23
"	District Deputy Grand High Priests	87.14
"	Rent of Safe Deposit Box	10.00
"	Insurance	61.16
"	Telephone	55.53
"	Bill contracted by Companion Saunders	122.75
"	U. S. Bonds	1,874.06
"	Deposited in Savings Banks	1,475.59
"	Stenographer	254.40
"	Balance in Treasury	11,543.55
		$23,304.48

Fraternally submitted,

EUGENE A. HOLTON,
Grand Treasurer.

TRUSTEES

IN GRAND CHAPTER, December 9, 1919.

Deposited in				
Boston Five Cent Savings Bank,	Book	No.	281098	$3,433.76
Home	"	"	94470	1,992.26
Franklin	"	"	63957	2,326.44
Wildey	"	"	18575	201.65

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Boston Penny Savings	Bank, Book No.	58609	$1,322.04
North End	" "	27988	2,016.72
Medford	" "	9005	2,492.36
Warren Institution	" "	75959	1,843.32
Charlestown Five Cent	" "	58974	1,962.08
Waltham	" "	43642	3,277.58
Mechanics, Lowell	" "	32847	2,840.86
Eliot Five Cent	" "	53333	1,700.47
Belmont	" "	2496	975.27
Provident Institution	" "	89035B	1,951.22
Roxbury	" "	95446	1,736.82
Brockton	" "	52447	1,496.69
Central, Lowell	" "	40034	1,485.65
Taunton	" "	37495	1,117.80
Essex, Lawrence	" "	182544	1,153.96
Other Securities			12,000.00
Total			$47,326.95

GEORGE M. RICE FUND

Received from Executors of his Estate	$1,000.00
Interest to October 1	12.64
	$1,012.64
Deposited in Attleboro Savings Bank, Book No. 31957	$1,000.00
Cash on Hand	12.64
	$1,012.64

Fraternally submitted,

EUGENE A. HOLTON,
ARTHUR G. POLLARD,
CHARLES F. MASON,
Trustees.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

IN GRAND CHAPTER, BOSTON, December 9, 1919.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

We have examined the books of the Secretary and Treasurer for the period from December 1, 1918, to December 1, 1919, and find them correct and accompanied by proper vouchers.

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The detailed reports which they submit to you of this date have also been verified by us.

They show a balance of $110.14 in the hands of the Secretary, a balance of $11,543.55 in the hands of the Treasurer, and in the hands of the Trustees an Invested Fund of $47,326.95, and the George M. Rice Fund of $1,012.64.

These balances have been verified and all of the securities were in the possession of your Committee, duly examined and returned to the Treasurer, December 4, 1919.

Fraternally submitted,

JESSE E. AMES.
EDWARD O. HATCH.
OSCAR STORER.

The Auditing Committee verbally recommended that the salary of the Grand Treasurer be $200.

The foregoing reports were accepted and the recommendation adopted.

ADDRESS OF JOHN J. VAN VALKENBURGH
GRAND HIGH PRIEST

COMPANIONS:—It is with much pleasure that I extend to you all hearty greetings and congratulations that so many of us are permitted to enjoy the privilege of coming together on this the One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Convocation of our Grand Chapter; that we can exchange felicitations on the success which has come to our Jurisdiction during the past year, and gather encouragement and enthusiasm in carrying forward the unfinished work of our predecessors, the advancement of which we voluntarily assume.

You will be pleased to learn, Companions that the increased growth of Capitular Masonry in Massachusetts during the year has been remarkable, and that nothing has occurred, so far as we know, to mar the harmony which has so long prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction. Of course, your Grand High Priest does not in the least presume to assume responsibility for this eminently satisfactory condition of affairs, but nevertheless he certainly is proud of the opportunity and privilege of reporting to you from the East of this Grand Chapter, the conditions which now obtain relative to the peace and prosperity of our beloved Order.

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Membership August 31, 1918, as corrected by Secretaries		**26,825**
Number admitted or affiliated		**2,070**
Total		**28,895**
Deduct from this balance the number		
Dimitted	**149**	
Suspended	**89**	
Deceased	**620**	**858**
Total membership August 31, 1919		**28,037**
A net gain of		**1,212**

Companions, it grieves me to report that since our last Annual Convocation so many of our Companions have been called to Eternal Rest.

Among this number is,—

Right Excellent Companion William E. Livingston, Grand Scribe in 1899, died July 5, 1919.

Many of our sister Jurisdictions have also been sorely afflicted. To them we offer deep sympathy.

Past Grand High Priests who have died during the past year:

Bert Griffin Blackman,	Utah,	December 4, 1918
Isaac T. Forbes,	Iowa,	December 7, 1918
Edward Richards Hedges,	California,	December 25, 1918
Reuben H. Tucker,	Connecticut,	February 14, 1919
Edward B. Spencer,	Pennslyvania,	February 15, 1919
Sylvester J. Hill,	North Dakota,	March 1, 1919
Monroe Carroll Crawford,	Illinois,	March 9, 1919
George Henry Bruce,	Oklahoma,	March 20, 1919
Alexander D. MacDonald,	Montana,	April 5, 1919
Samuel James Weddell,	Nova Scotia,	April 10, 1919
Manuel M. Fisher,	Indiana,	April 25, 1919
John Gilbert Smith,	Alabama,	April 30, 1919
James W. Boyd,	Florida,	May 29, 1919
Frederic T. Crane,	New Jersey,	May 31, 1919
Matthew Kyle,	Nevada,	June 17, 1919
William H. Hamelle,	Indiana,	June 20, 1919
Alonzo Brandenburg,	Minnesota,	July 10, 1919
Charles Milan Norton,	Michigan,	September 3, 1919
Nathaniel P. Richmond	Arkansas,	June 28, 1919

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Willis W. Rice,	New York,	October 2, 1919
George L. Cowan,	Tennessee,	September 19, 1919
William Crowe,	Nova Scotia,	October 23, 1919
Adrian J. Parshall,	Wyoming,	November 15, 1919

"The days grow shorter, the nights grow longer
The headstones thicker along the way;
And life grows sadder, but love grows stronger
For those who walk with us day by day.

"Then let us clasp hands as we walk together,
And let us speak softly, in love's sweet tone;
For no man knows, on the morrow, whether
We two pass by, or but one alone."

VISITATIONS

January 21 On invitation of E.·. Companion Charles S. Hadaway, High Priest, I visited St. Paul's R.·. A.·. Chapter on the occasion of its One Hundredth Anniversary. That this Anniversary created much interest was evidenced by the large number of Companions present.

After the reception of the Grand High Priest, a dinner was served. Then followed the historical exercises and ceremonies attending the sealing of a Keystone into which had been placed several articles addressed to the officers and members of St. Paul's Chapter in the year 2019.

January 30 A reception was tendered me, as Grand High Priest, by the officers and members of my own Chapter, Concord, of Framingham.

It certainly was a revelation to me to observe the loyalty expressed by so many distinguished Masons coming as they did from all parts of the State to pay their respects to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter through its representative. Memory of their hearty congratulations will last through life.

Among those present were M.·. E.·. Arthur G. Pollard, Past General Grand High Priest; M. W. Leon M. Abbott, Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts; M.·. I.·. Wallace C. Keith, Grand Master of

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the Grand Council R.·. and S.·. Masters of Massachusetts; Em. Sir Harry G. Pollard, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery; all of the officers of the Grand Chapter excepting three; thirteen of the fifteen District Deputies; six Past Grand High Priests and many other prominent Masons.

February 4 and 5 A very cordial invitation was received from M.·. E.·. Companion J. William Prouse, Grand High Priest of the State of New York, to be present at the One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Convocation held in Albany, February 4 and 5, 1919. This much appreciated invitation I was unable to accept.

March 12 I was the guest of M.·. W.·. Leon M. Abbott, Grand Master, at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge.

April 11 On invitation of E.·. Companion Louis S. Cleaves, High Priest, I paid a fraternal visit to Mt. Wollaston Chapter, U. D.

Those who accompanied me were M.·. E.·. Frederick T. Comee, Grand Secretary, M.·. E.·. Samuel F. Hubbard, R.·. E.·. Jesse E. Ames, R.·. E.·. Augustus Ridgeway and E.·. Lorenzo L. Green, Grand Lecturer.

April 30 On invitation of M.·. W.·. Leon M. Abbott, Grand Master, I accompanied him to Springfield to assist in a fraternal visit to Springfield Lodge.

May 12 An invitation was extended by M.·. E.·. William R. Keavaney, Grand High Priest of Connecticut, to attend the "Get-to-gether" Dinner on the evening of May 12, and the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter on the following day. I was obliged to decline this invitation and delegated R.·. E.·. Curtis Chipman, Deputy Grand High Priest, to represent the Grand Chapter. He was accompanied by M.·. E.·. Companion Samuel F. Hubbard. They were very cordially received and hospitaoly entertained.

May 15 Having received a very cordial invitation from E.·. Companion Walter I. Churchill, High Priest, I visited Mount Sinai Royal Arch Chapter of Lawrence. Accompanying me were R.·. E.·. Curtis Chipman, Deputy Grand High Priest; R.·. E.·. Charles F. Mann,

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Grand King; M.·. E.·. Eugene A. Holton, Grand Treasurer; M.·. E.·. Frederick T. Comee, Grand Secretary; M.·. E.·. Arthur G. Pollard, Past General Grand High Priest; M.·. E.·. J. Albert Blake, M.·. E.·. Warren B. Ellis, M.·. E.·. Samuel F. Hubbard, Past Grand High Priests; R.·. E.·. Robert W. Oliver, Past Grand Scribe; R.·. E.·. Benjamin W. Clements, District Deputy Grand High Priest; E.·. Rev. R. Perry Bush, D.D., Grand Chaplain; E.·. Arthur Twitchell, Grand Captain of the Host; E.·. Harry G. Pollard and Companion Frank B. Kenney.

After an elaborate luncheon at the Merrimack Valley Country Club we were most interestingly entertained by being conducted through the Pacific Mills, where we had the privilege of witnessing the process of making prints.

In the evening a reception was accorded the Grand High Priest and the members of his suite, after which all repaired to the Banquet Hall, where the remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse with music and speeches.

May 30 In company with M.·. W.·. Leon M. Abbott, Grand Master, and M.·. E.·. Samuel F. Hubbard, Past Grand High Priest, I was present at an informal reception given by the Brethren of Cincinnatus Lodge, and the Companions of Monument Chapter and their ladies at Great Barrington.

There was a large attendance and we were most cordially received and welcomed.

June 19 On invitation of E.·. Companion J. Everett Hicks, High Priest, I visited Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter, the Home Chapter of R.·. E.·. Curtis Chipman, Deputy Grand High Priest.

Those who accompanied me were M.·. E.·. Companions Frederick T. Comee, Warren B. Ellis, Samuel F. Hubbard, Charles D. Burrage, Eugene A. Holton and Arthur D. Prince, Past Grand High Priests; R.·. E.·. Companions Curtis Chipman, Robert W. Oliver, Fred A. Gorton and William M. Farrington, E.·. Elmer C. Read and E.·. Arthur Twitchell, Grand Captain of the Host.

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September 22 I was cordially invited by E.·. Alexander J. Buchanan, High Priest, to visit Newton Royal Arch Chapter on the occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary. On account of being absent from the State at that time, I delegated R.·. E.·. Curtis Chipman, Deputy Grand High Priest, to represent the Grand Chapter. He was accompanied by M.·. E.·. Eugene A. Holton, Grand Treasurer, and M.·. E.·. Frederick T. Comee, Grand Secretary, Past Grand High Priests; R.·. E.·. Edward O. Burton, Past Grand Scribe, E.·. Lorenzo L. Green, Grand Lecturer, E.·. Arthur Twitchell, Grand Captain of the Host, and E.·. Joseph T. Crosby, Grand Steward.

R.·. E.·. Companion Chipman assisted in the ceremonies attending the sealing of the Keystone.

September 29 A Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter was opened in Wollaston for the purpose of constituting Mt. Wollaston R.·. A.·. Chapter, E.·. Walter E. Weld, High Priest.

After the Chapter was constituted, the Grand High Priest, the Deputy Grand High Priest and the Grand Scribe installed the High Priest, King and Scribe respectively. The Grand Lecturer installed the remaining officers.

Those who accompanied me on this occasion were: R.·. E.·. Curtis Chipman, D.·. G.·. H.·. P.·.; R.·. E.·. William S. Hamilton, G.·. S.·.; M.·. E.·. Frederick T. Comee, G.·. S.·.; P.·. G.·. H.·. Priests M.·. E.·. Samuel F. Hubbard, M.·. E.·. Arthur D. Prince; R.·. E.·. Gardner R. P. Barker, D.·. D.·. G.·. H.·. P.·. 7th District; R.·. E.·. Augustus Ridgeway, P.·. G.·. S.·.; E.·. Rev. R. Perry Bush, D.D., and E.·. Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., LL.D., Grand Chaplains; E.·. Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Lecturer; E.·. Arthur Twitchell, G.·. C.·. of the H.·.; E.·. Harry M. Jones, G.·. S.·., and Companion Josiah T. Dyer, G.·. T.·..

October 1 On invitation of E.·. Companion Charles W. Lawrence, High Priest, I visited St. Andrew's R.·. A.·. Chapter on the occasion of its One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary.

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The exercises began at three o'clock and were as follows: Receptions of M.·. I.·. Wallace C. Keith, Grand Master of the Grand Council R.·. and S.·. M.·. of Massachusetts, M.·. E.·. John J. Van Valkenburgh, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, M.·. E.·. Frederick W. Craig, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and Most Worshipful Leon W. Abbott, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Reading of the Charter by M.·. E.·. Frederick T. Comee, Grand Secretary. Reading of the Records of First Meetings by M.·. E.·. Warren B. Ellis, Secretary. Historical address by E.·. and Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., LL.D. An interesting feature was the sealing of a steel ark in which were deposited an address of greeting to the Companions of 1969, and various articles of historical interest pertaining to the present and past Anniversaries.

The evening exercises at the Copley Plaza were enlivened by the presence of ladies, and began with a reception to the guests of the Chapter, followed by a dinner, addresses and concluded with dancing.

October 16 A Special Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in Vineyard Haven for the purpose of constituting Vineyard Royal Arch Chapter, E.·. Companion George G. Tyler, High Priest.

After the Constitution a reception was accorded the Grand Officers by the Companions of Vineyard Chapter and their ladies. At its conclusion a banquet, provided by the ladies, awaited our very evident pleasure. The installation which followed was public. The Grand High Priest installed the High Priest and E.·. Companion Sewall, Grand Lecturer, installed the remainder of the officers.

Those who accompanied me were M.·. E.·. Warren B. Ellis, Samuel F. Hubbard, Eugene A. Holton, Grand Treasurer, Frederick T. Comee, Grand Secretary, Past Grand High Priests; R.·. E.·. Arthur G. Guyer, D.·. D.·. G.·. H.·. P.·.; E.·. and Rev. Paul Sterling, E.·. and Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., LL.D.,

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Grand Chaplains, E.·. Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Lecturer, E.·. Arthur Twitchell, Grand Captain of the Host, E.·. Julian C. Woodman, Grand Master of the Third Veil and Companion Josiah T. Dyer, Grand Tyler.

November 21 M.·. E.·. Companion David J. Davis, Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, extended to me a very kind invitation to attend an Emergency Convocation of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter held in Philadelphia, November 21, 1919. Business engagements prevented the acceptance of this invitation.

December 5 An invitation was extended to me by E.·. Companion T. Harry Blackman, High Priest, to visit Satucket Chapter on the occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary. Those who accompanied me were M.·. E.·. J. Albert Blake and Warren B. Ellis, Past Grand High Priests; R.·. E.·. Curtis Chipman, D.·. G.·. H.·. P.·., Charles F. Mann, Grand King, William M. Farrington and Charles E. A. Ross, D.·. D.·. G.·. H.·. Priests, E. Rev. R. Perry Bush, D.D., and E.·. Rev. Paul Sterling, Grand Chaplains, E.·. Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Lecturer, E.·. Arthur Twitchell, Grand Captain of the Host, and E.·. Companions Sands S. Woodbury, Alexander J. Buchanan and George E. Fisher. A large number of Companions were present and we were most cordially received. It was my pleasure to assist in sealing a Keystone and later listened to an interesting address by R.·. W.·. Arthur D. Prince, Deputy Grand Master and Past Grand High Priest.

NOTICES OF CONVOCATIONS

The Secretaries of more than half of the Chapters have sent to me the notices of the Regular Convocations of their Chapters. This amount of remembrance is much appreciated and would, of course, be correspondingly greater were notices received from each one of the eighty-five Chapters in the Jurisdiction.

If any of our Secretaries are not regularly sending notices of every Convocation to every member of their Chapters, I call attention to Article 17 of the General Regulations which reads:

"Every Chapter in this Jurisdiction shall send a written or printed sealed notice to its members, giving place and time of

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meeting, business to be transacted, and names of candidates to be balloted for, with such other information as may be proper.

"Every Chapter shall send to the Grand High Priest in office copies of all notices of Chapter meetings sent by it at the same time that they are sent to its members."

It is recommended that the Grand Secretary be one of those to whom notices are regularly and promptly sent.

Companions, it is very easy to forget the date of a meeting, especially when once the habit is formed of not attending the Chapter regularly. But with a notice of the next Convocation of the Chapter before you, you will surely be reminded of your duty in respect to attendance and support, which you owe your Chapter, its officers and the best interests of the Order, for, Companions, there never was a time when more demands have been made upon the Order than will be made during the next few years. And in these troubled times we should examine very carefully the character of the material submitted before the same has been accepted. Therefore, the possible consideration of a small expense should not be allowed to stand in the way of protecting the honor and interests of your Chapter and its members by failure to give your Companions timely notice of the Convocations.

EXEMPLIFICATIONS

The District Deputy Grand High Priests of fourteen out of fifteen Districts have requested and received dispensations to hold District Grand Chapters of Instruction, namely,—

1. Dorchester, R.·. E.·. William M. Farrington.
2. Salem, March 14, R.·. E.·. George W. Blinn.
3. Fall River, February 22, R.·. E.·. Fred I. Gorton.
4. Worcester, April 26, R.·. E.·. John B. Canfield.
5. Springfield, March 21, R.·. E.·. Clarence A. Brodeur.
6. Amherst, April 5, R.·. E.·. Dwight M. Billings.
7. Brockton, May 5, R.·. E.·. Gardner R. P. Barker.
8. Malden, February 1, R.·. E.·. Fred Hobbs.
10. Adams, May 1, R.·. E.·. William J. Wooldridge.
11. Fitchburg, April 12, R.·. E.·. Fred A. Young.
12. Hyannis, March 18, R.·. E.·. Arthur G. Guyer.
13. Newtonville, March 1, R.·. E.·. Charles E. A. Ross.
14. Hyde Park, March 29, R.·. E.·. Edward J. Ellis.
15. Somerville, March 29, R.·. E.·. Martin J. Pleschinger.

These exemplifications were attended by an average number of ninety Companions.

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It may be of interest, perhaps an incentive to do better work, to say that of the sixty-seven Chapters participating in these exemplifications the Grand Lecturers marked three of them as being "perfect," seventeen as being "fine" or "excellent," twenty-one as being "good," seventeen as being "fair" and nine as being "poor." The Chapters having "perfect" marks are Newton of Newton, Shekinah of Chelsea, and Winthrop of Winthrop.

The reports of the Grand Lecturers and District Deputies show that there was a good attendance at each one of the exemplifications; that much interest was manifested in the work and many questions asked; that careful attention is being shown the requirements of the Grand Chapter, and that there is an indication of a wholesome interest in the advancement of the Capitular Rite. Also that the exemplifications were interesting, instructive and profitable, and that in all of them a happy harmonious spirit prevailed.

In two or three instances it is noted that owing to the lateness of the hour many of the out-of-town officers were obliged to retire before the close of the meetings. It is therefore advised that hereafter exemplifications be begun sufficiently early so as to permit their conclusion before the officers are obliged to leave. It is also advisable to have the exemplifications as early in the Spring as is possible.

The services rendered by the District Deputies and the Grand Lecturers certainly deserve our deep appreciation, and I thank them for the faithfulness with which they have discharged their duties.

It is most earnestly urged that the officers of our Chapters give careful and serious thought to the importance of correct ritualistic work and its dignified and impressive delivery. Without that combination a satisfactory success cannot be obtained by a Chapter or the beautiful lessons of our Degrees be made attractive and forceful to a candidate. The members of a Chapter will not reguarly attend its Convocations and remain to its close if poor and uninteresting work must be witnessed. There must be promptness, earnestness, devotion and ability manifested by the officers of the Chapter to secure the attention and interest of its members, and a wholehearted companionship that gives one the assurance of a cordial and friendly greeting.

Companionship means sociability and friendship. Without it no Chapter can fulfill its mission and a full and free observance of it is a duty incumbent on every member of a Chapter.

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The officers of a Chapter alone cannot be held wholly responsible for its success or failure. Without the earnest and active interest and assistance of its members they have but little power to shape its destiny. They can and should be its leaders in thought and action, devise and earnestly endeavor to carry out that which will bring to their aid the hearty interest and responsive support of its members, and I am sure if officers and members earnestly and cordially work together, each one doing his full share, Capitular Masonry in Massachusetts will realize a full measure of success. We are doing well, Companions, but we must not be satisfied without trying to do better, and these few words have been said hoping to induce the officers and members of our Chapters to return to their homes with clearly defined determination to unite in most earnest efforts to give to their Chapter the care, attention and service necessary to make it one of the best Capitular Bodies in the Jurisdiction.

RESIGNATION

On September 3, 1919, E.·. Companion Lorenzo L. Green sent to me a letter asking leave to resign the office of Grand Lecturer. This office he has held under six successive Grand High Priests. I found, much to my disappointment, that he could not be persuaded to withdraw the resignation. He did, however, consent to continue in office to the end of the year. I know that every Companion in the Jurisdiction appreciates to the utmost the long continued, devoted and efficient service he has rendered Capitular Masonry and deeply regrets the necessity which induced him to ask to be relieved of further service in an office that he has filled so acceptably and with such perfection.

DISPENSATIONS

During the past year many requests for Dispensations have been made. Fifty-two have been granted. Of this number twenty-one were for the purpose of conferring the Degrees upon Candidates at the request of and for other Grand Jurisdictions; twenty for courtesy work between our own Chapters; and four for attending church; three for elections to fill vacancies in line of officers; one to confer Mark and Past Degrees on an accepted candidate without his name appearing on the notice; one to change date of Convocation that officers could attend a District Exemplification; one to receive and ballot on an application at the same Convocation, and one for public installation of officers.

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None of the dispensations granted were for working at one Convocation more than the prescribed constitutional number of degrees.

Haste in conferring the degrees should be avoided. A brother will have a greater respect for the Order and a better opportunity to become familiar with the work if they are not quickly conferred. A reasonable time should elapse between degrees to allow a candidate to be sufficiently informed to comprehend the lessons of each degree before receiving the succeeding degree. The regulations of our Grand Chapter permit a candidate to receive the four degrees in three days. I do not know that they have been conferred in that short time, but in my opinion no such opportunity should be afforded by the regulations as to render it possible to confer degrees so hastily upon a candidate. No recommendation is made, however, it is mentioned simply to direct attention to the existing condition.

During the war practically every Jurisdiction considered it advisable to assist brothers in the Military and Naval service to obtain degrees quickly, but the exigencies of war do not now exist, and I firmly believe that haste in acting on applications or conferring degrees is injurious to our Order and unfair to a candidate, and should be discouraged.

NEW CHAPTERS

A Petition was received signed by eighty or more Companions asking that a new Chapter be formed in Swampscott. These Companions having complied with all the Constitutional requirements, after a personal inspection of their Chapter rooms, I granted them a dispensation May 13, 1919, to form a Chapter in Swampscott under the name of Swampscott Royal Arch Chapter, U. D., and appointed E.·. Companion J. Brinton Bailey, High Priest, E.·. Companion Frank A. Buckman, King, and Companion Morton J. Fitch, Scribe.

Energetic officers have this Chapter in charge and we are confident that when its year of probation is ended its growth, prosperity and good work will entitle it to an immediate Constitution.

Agreeable to the action at our Convocation in September in granting charters to two new Chapters it was my privilege and pleasure to constitute Mt. Wollaston Royal Arch Chapter at Wollaston, September 29, and Vineyard Royal Arch Chapter at Vineyard Haven, October 16, both occasions being very pleasant and enjoyable. The Grand Secretary has read the record of the Special Convocations of

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the Grand Chapter called for the Constitution of the two Chapters. Mt. Wollaston Chapter is located in a city that is rapidly gaining in population and has the promise of a very successful future. It begins its career with some eighty members. Vineyard Chapter is not so favorably situated, its jurisdiction being practically confined to the Island of Martha's Vineyard, the permanent population of which will be of very slow growth, and the Chapter will probably remain one of our smaller Chapters, but the interest and enthusiasm shown by its nearly forty members encourages the belief that Vineyard Chapter will be a valuable addition to Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction.

Companions, for the many honors you have conferred upon me during the past year I am deeply grateful.

Whatever has been the measure of success attending my administration of affairs, is owing to the generous, loyal support afforded by the officers and companions of the Grand Chapter, and hard, faithful work of the officers of the Subordinate Chapters.

Especially appreciative am I of the inspiring influence of the Past Grand High Priests and of their perfect willingness to give advice and render assistance whenever requested of them.

Peace, harmony, prosperity and remarkable growth are the distinguishing characteristics of Capitular Masonry in Massachusetts. As has been reported, the net gain in membership during the past year is nearly three times that of the year before.

But, Companions, an increased membership is not so much to be desired and sought for as an increased interest and activity in performing the duties incumbent on us as Royal Arch Masons. Masonry has a definite, positive and serious purpose and that purpose is manifest in the lessons of each degree. The real genius of Masonry is to help others, and the addition to our membership of one Companion who will adopt that principle and make it the ruling motive of his daily life is worth much more to Capitular Masonry than the addition of a much larger number who may seek the degrees for personal benefit or sociability. I believe in sociability, Companions, and would encourage it in every reasonable way, but I would not have it the most prominent feature of our gatherings. Let it always be secondary to the real intent and meaning of Masonry. Let it be an auxiliary in bringing Companions together that they may better understand the sublime teachings of Masonry with the hope that that understanding will

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develop in every one of us thoughts that will lead to nobler and better lives which will be richer in service in making a reality of a true universal brotherhood of man.

Fraternally submitted,
JOHN J. VAN VALKENBURGH,
Grand High Priest.

The address was cordially received and on motion referred to M.˙. E.˙. Samuel F. Hubbard, M.˙. E.˙. Arthur G. Pollard and M.˙. E.˙. J. Albert Blake.

R.˙. E.˙. Jesse E. Ames moved a vote of thanks to E.˙. Lorenzo L. Green for his many years of faithful and valuable service as Grand Lecturer.

Adopted.

The Grand Secretary reported the receipt of letters from the Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of New York expressing the fraternal congratulations and good wishes of that Grand Chapter, and from our Representative near the Grand Chapter of Iowa giving a synopsis of its transactions at its Convocation on October 8, 9 and 10; also a letter from our junior Past Grand High Priest, M.˙. E.˙. Arthur D. Prince, stating that the funeral services of two relatives of Mrs. Prince in New Hampshire made it impossible for him to attend this Annual Convocation.

E.˙. Lorenzo L. Green moved that the thanks of this Grand Chapter be given to St. Paul's and St. Andrew's Chapters for the courtesy of allowing the use of regalia and equipments for the exemplification of the degrees.

Adopted.

The Grand High Priest then requested M.˙. E.˙. Samuel F. Hubbard, Past Grand High Priest, to assume the East and proceed with the election and installation of Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

By unanimous ballot the following Grand Officers were elected:

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JOHN J. VAN VALKENBURGH .	M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest
LORENZO L. GREEN . . .	R.·. E.·. Deputy Grand High Priest
FRANK S. ELLIOT	R.·. E.·. Grand King
ALBERT E. WEBSTER . . .	R.·. E.·. Grand Scribe
EUGENE A. HOLTON . . .	R.·. E.·. Grand Treasurer
FREDERICK T. COMEE . . .	R.·. E.·. Grand Secretary

After being installed, the Grand High Priest announced the following appointments:

R.·. E.·. WILLIAM M. FARRINGTON.	D.·.	D.·.	G.·.	H.·. P.·. Dist.	1
R.·. E.·. FRANK W. PALMER . .	"	"	"		2
R.·. E.·. ERNEST J. HAYDON . .	"	"	"		3
R.·. E.·. JOHN B. CANFIELD . .	"	"	"		4
R.·. E.·. CLARENCE A. BRODEUR .	"	"	"		5
R.·. E.·. DWIGHT M. BILLINGS . .	"	"	"		6
R.·. E.·. LOUIS S. CLEAVES . .	"	"	"		7
R.·. E.·. FRED HOBBS	"	"	"		8
R.·. E.·. BENJAMIN W. CLEMENTS.	"	"	"		9
R.·. E.·. HERBERT W. DEAN . .	"	"	"		10
R.·. E.·. FRED A. YOUNG . . .	"	"	"		11
R.·. E.·. ARTHUR G. GUYER . .	"	"	"		12
R.·. E.·. CHARLES E. A. ROSS . .	"	"	"		13
R.·. E.·. EDWARD J. ELLIS . . .	"	"	"		14
R.·. E.·. MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER .	"	"	"		15
E.·. REV. R. PERRY BUSH, D.D.	Grand Chaplain				
E.·. REV. PAUL STERLING . .	"	"			
E.·. REV. FREDERICK W. HAMILTON, D.D., LL.D.,	Grand Chaplain				
E.·. RAYMOND T. SEWALL .	Grand Lecturer				
E.·. GEORGE W. BLINN . .	"	"			
E.·. ARTHUR TWITCHELL . .	Grand Captain of the Host				
E.·. ERNEST F. SPICER . .	Grand Principal Sojourner				
E.·. ELMER C. READ . . .	Grand Royal Arch Captain				
E.·. EDGAR O. DEWEY . . .	Grand Master Third Veil				
E.·. ALBERT R. BACON . . .	"	"	Second	"	
E.·. HARRY M. JONES . . .	"	"	First	"	
E.·. WARREN S. SHAW . . .	Grand Steward				
E.·. HERMON F. HAWTHORNE.	"	"			
COMP. JOSIAH T. DYER . . .	Grand Tyler				

The remaining Grand Officers, with the exception of the District Deputy Grand High Priest of the First and

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Eleventh Districts and E.·. Companion Hermon F. Hawthorne, Grand Steward, were duly installed and the customary proclamation was made.

After prayer by Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., LL.D., Grand Chaplain, and singing the "Star-spangled Banner," the Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form at 10.20 o'clock P.M.

Attest:

Frederick T. Comee

Grand Secretary.

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STATISTICAL TABLES

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ABSTRACT

OF THE

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS FOR 1919

NAMES OF CHAPTERS	Members 1918	Marked	Exalted	Affiliated or Reinstated	Dimitted	Suspended	Died	Members 1919	Receipts
ADONIRAM	664	45	45	1	1		11	698	$300 80
AMHERST	64	7	6	2			1	71	48 10
AMITY*	190	39	37	1	3		4	221	223 10
BANCROFT	202	27	25		3	4	4	216	162 60
BERKSHIRE	367	17	17		1		4	379	128 90
BETHSAIDA	171	25	24	2	1	1	4	191	150 10
CAMBRIDGE	646	31	31	5	2		20	660	227 00
CLINTON	155	4	4				2	157	41 70
COMPOSITE	242	27	29		1	2	3	265	167 50
CONCORD	145	7	7		2		8	142	55 20
CORINTHIAN	126	11	11				4	133	74 30
CRESCENT	168	10	10				6	172	73 20
DORCHESTER	1013	99	99	3	10	3	20	1082	609 20
DORIC	166	4	2	1	1		3	165	42 50
EUREKA	820	51	51	3	3		19	852	346 20
EVENING STAR	337	37	37	3	2	2	5	368	227 80
FALL RIVER	710	29	29	1	6	6	14	714	222 40
FRANKLIN	385	33	33		2	5	7	404	211 40
GARDNER	157	7	8		1		1	163	57 30
HAMPDEN	176	7	4	1			5	176	58 60
HARMONY	152	8	9				5	156	61 60
HEBRON	214	13	13		2	2	7	216	92 60
HOLTEN	226	21	21		1		5	241	135 10
HOUGHTON	328	41	41		1		4	364	247 40
IPSWICH	78						2	76	13 60
ISLE OF THE SEA†	103	13	12		3		4	108	81 80
JOSEPH WARREN	78	13	11				7	82	79 20
KEYSTONE	150	12	13		1		1	161	82 10
KING CYRUS	209	17	16				4	221	113 10
KING HIRAM	256	7	8		4		5	255	66 50
KING SOLOMON'S	192	10	7		3		7	189	74 90
MENOTOMY	256	12	12		4	2	1	261	92 10
MILLER	126	6	6					132	49 20
MONUMENT	104	13	13				4	113	82 30
MORNING STAR	904	116	116	6	4		16	1006	686 60
MT. HOLYOKE	407	54	51	1			2	457	321 70
MT. HOREB	764	82	81	2		11	16	820	498 00
MT. LEBANON	279	22	22	1			7	295	145 50
MT. SINAI	447	36	38		5	5	4	471	233 10
MT. VERNON	640	60	60	1	4	3	10	684	374 40
MT. ZION	134	15	15				7	142	95 20
MYSTIC	287	11	11		4	3	5	286	89 60

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ABSTRACT OF RETURNS (Continued)

Names of Chapters	Members 1918	Marked	Exalted	Affiliated or Reinstated	Dimitted	Suspended	Died	Members 1919	Receipts
Newton	416	19	21		8		8	421	$143 10
Norfolk	216	14	14		1		5	224	98 40
Northampton‡	273	11	10		2		2	279	88 90
North Star	72	7	7		1			78	48 80
Old Colony	52	7	7				2	57	46 70
Orient	100	10	9	1			3	107	66 70
Parker	185	29	27	1			9	204	171 40
Pentalpha	255	28	26	1	3		4	275	173 50
Pentucket	462	34	34	1	4	6	12	475	223 50
Pilgrim	184	22	22				6	200	136 00
Rabboni	91	7	7		3		2	93	50 30
Reading	317	22	23	2	2	1	8	331	149 10
St. Andrew's	727	35	15	2	2	3	23	716	252 60
St. Elmo	157	13	13	2		4	3	165	87 50
St. John's	256	19	19	4	4		6	269	127 90
St. Mark's	299	17	18	3	1		13	306	121 60
St. Matthew's	484	20	20			1	19	484	154 40
St. Paul's	1626	81	81	2	1		52	1656	576 60
St. Stephen's	372	55	54	1	15	3	6	403	321 30
Samoset	129	9	7				4	132	64 20
Satucket	512	35	33	2	1		16	530	234 00
Shekinah	476	39	38	3	4	1	8	504	251 40
Signet	436	26	25		4	1	14	442	180 20
Somerville	628	35	32	1	3	3	14	641	245 10
Sutton	776	40	30				23	783	284 30
Sylvester Baxter	85	8	5		1	1	3	85	54 50
Tabernacle	403	25	25	2	3	1	9	417	172 70
Thomas	298	28	27				2	323	178 30
Trinity	133	5	5		1	1		136	44 60
Tyrian	102	9	9				3	108	61 80
Union	269	5	4	2	3	6	6	260	57 00
Unity	246	27	27				4	269	167 90
Walden	130	14	15	1			3	143	90 30
Waltham	343	26	25			1	8	359	171 90
Wareham	95	9	9	22			3	123	63 30
Washington	412	34	34	2	1		9	438	219 80
Waverly	302	34	34	4	1		11	328	208 80
William Ferson	221	14	11			4	4	224	98 40
Winthrop	341	26	24	3	1		12	355	171 50
Woburn	219	11	10	2			6	225	83 50
Worcester	487	31	31		4	3	7	504	211 40
	26825	2039	1972	98	149	89	620	28037	13496 70

Corrections by Secretaries:
* Reduction of 3.
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1919-1920

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R.·.E.·.Charles E. A. Ross	" " "	13	West Newton
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E.·.Raymond T. Sewall	Grand Lecturer		Winthrop
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E.·.Ernest F. Spicer	Grand Principal Sojourner		Springfield
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Quarterly Convocations of the Grand Chapter will be held on the Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday in March, June, September and December, the last being the Annual Convocation.

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PERMANENT MEMBERS

OF THE

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts

Past Grand High Priests

*Benjamin Hurd, Jr.	1798–1800	*James Kimball . . .	1859–61
*Dudley Atkins Tyng .	1801–02	*—— —— . . .	1862–64
*Timothy Bigelow . .	1803–05	*Richard Briggs . . .	1865–67
*Isaiah Thomas . . .	1806–08	*Henry Chickering . .	1868–71
*Oliver Prescott . . .	1809	*Alfred F. Chapman .	1872–74
*James Dean Hopkins .	1810–12	*John W. Dadmun . .	1875
*John Abbott	1813–15	*Alfred F. Chapman .	1876
*Andrew Sigourney .	1816–17	Smith B. Harrington	1877–78
*James Prescott . . .	1818–19	*Thomas Waterman .	1879–81
*Jonathan Gage . . .	1820–22	Albert C. Smith . . .	1882–84
*Paul Dean	1823–25	Frederick T. Comee .	1885–87
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens	1826–28	Arthur G. Pollard .	1888–90
*Samuel Clarke . . .	1829–31	J. Albert Blake . . .	1891–93
*Josiah J. Fiske . . .	1832–33	*J. Gilman Waite . .	1894–96
*Edward A. Raymond .	1834–36	*Seranus Bowen . . .	1897–98
*Simon W. Robinson .	1837–39	Warren B. Ellis . .	1899–1901
*John B. Hammatt . .	1840	Samuel F. Hubbard .	1902–04
*Elijah Atherton . . .	1841–43	*Harry Hunt	1905–07
*Thomas Tolman . . .	1844–45	*Baalis Sanford . . .	1908–09
*Charles W. Moore . .	1846–48	Charles Dana Burrage	1910–12
*Benjamin Huntoon .	1849–51	Eugene A. Holton . .	1913–15
*Stephen Lovell . . .	1852–54	Arthur D. Prince . .	1916–18
*Daniel Harwood . .	1855–56	John J. Van Valkenburgh	1919–
*Wendell Thornton Davis	1857		
*John McClellan . . .	1858		

Past Deputy Grand High Priests

*Dudley Atkins Tyng .	1799	*Henry Fowle	1808–14
*Jonathan Gage . . .	1799	*James C. King . . .	1814–15
*Joshua Greenleaf . .	1800	*Benjamin Russell . .	1816–20
*Simon Eliott	1801–02	*Samuel L. Knapp . .	1820
*Benjamin Russell . .	1803–08	*Paul Dean	1821–22

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*Augustus Peabody .	1823–26	*Alfred H. Hartley .	1881
*Benjamin Huntoon .	1826–29	*Joseph S. Barney . .	1882
*Robert Lash	1829–33	*Daniel H. Smith . .	1883
*Thomas Tolman . . .	1833	Henry S. Bunton . .	1884
*Gardner Ruggles . .	1834–37	J. Albert Blake . . .	1885
*John B. Hammatt .	1837–40	William H. Young .	1886
*Elijah Atherton . .	1840	William R. Johnson .	1887
*Thomas Tolman . .	1841–44	*John B. Hill . . .	1888
*Elias Haskell	1844–45	*George Wilby . . .	1889
*Ruel Baker	1846–47	*J. Gilman Waite . .	1890
*Gilbert Nurse	1848	Eugene A. Holton . .	1891
*Winslow Lewis, M.D.	1849	Samuel A. Phelps . .	1892
*Stephen Lovell . . .	1850–51	Frank L. Weaver .	1893
*Timothy Ingraham .	1852	*James Downs . . .	1894
*E. M. P. Wells . . .	1853	Warren B. Ellis . .	1895
*Joseph Bedlow . . .	1854	*Harry Hunt	1896
*Samuel K. Hutchinson	1855	Samuel F. Hubbard .	1897
*William R. Alger . .	1856	*Arthur T. Way . .	1898
*Tracy P. Cheever . .	1857	C. A. Peabody, M.D. .	1899
*Isaac P. Seavey . .	1858	Samuel Crowell, M.D. .	1900
*Wyzeman Marshall .	1859	Wm. B. Lawrence . .	1901
*Richard Briggs . . .	1861	Charles F. Mason . .	1902
*Albert H. Kirkham .	1862	Edward M. Woodward	1903
*John K. Hall . . .	1863	*Edward J. Sartelle .	1904
*Caleb Rand	1864	*Richard A. Atwood .	1905
*John W. Dadmun . .	1865	*Herbert F. Morse .	1906
*Charles A. Welch . .	1866	*John L. Stone . . .	1907
*Benjamin Lewis . .	1867	Charles D. Burrage .	1908
*Alfred F. Chapman .	1868–70	Edwin S. Crandon .	1909
*Zephaniah H. Thomas	1871	*Warren P. Dudley . .	1910
*Rev. T. E. St. John .	1872	Jesse E. Ames . . .	1911
*Rev. A. St. John Chambre	1873	Chas. H. Preston . .	1912
George E. Stacey . .	1874	Frank F. Cook . . .	1913
*Daniel Upton	1875	James S. Blake . . .	1914
*James Tent	1876	Arthur D. Prince . .	1915
*Alfred A. Burditt .	1877	*Geo. C. Thatcher . .	1916
*John Haigh	1878	*Waterman S. C. Russell	1917
*Nathan B. Fletcher .	1879	Olin D Dickerman .	1918
Arthur G. Pollard .	1880	Curtis Chipman . .	1919

Past Grand Kings

*Dudley Atkins Tyng .	1798	*William McKeen . .	1800
*James Harrison . . .	1799	*Charles Jackson . .	1801

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*Benjamin Russell .	1802
*Gilman White . . .	1803–04
*David Coffin, Jr. . .	1805
*Amos Tappan . . .	1806
*Oliver Prescott . .	1807–08
*William Woart . .	1809–10
*John Abbott	1811–12
*Samuel L. Knapp . .	1813–14
*Henry Fowle	1815
*James C. King . .	1816–17
*Joseph Brown . . .	1818
*Robert Lash	1819
*Caleb Butler	1820–22
*Henry Whipple . . .	1823
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens	1824–25
*Richard S. Spofford .	1826–28
*Charles Train . . .	1829–31
*Edward A. Raymond	1832–33
*William Whiting . .	1834–35
*Simon W. Robinson .	1836
*Elijah Atherton . .	1837–40
*Enoch Hobart . . .	1840
*John R. Bradford . .	1841–43
*Charles W. Moore . .	1844–45
*Gilbert Nurse . . .	1846–47
*William Eaton . . .	1848
*Lucien B. Keith . .	1849
*Samuel Millard . . .	1850–51
*John Flint	1852
*James W. Crooks . .	1853
*Ebenezer W. Tolman .	1854
*Jonathan P. Johnson .	1855
*Wendell Thornton Davis	1856
*William Parkman . .	1857
*William H. L. Smith	1858
*William W. Baker . .	1859
*Sylvester Baxter . .	1860
*William S. Shurtleff .	1861
*Charles C. Dame . .	1862
*Henry Chickering . .	1863
*Albert E. Foth . . .	1864
*David W. Crafts . .	1865
*Henry Endicott . .	1866
Daniel W. Lawrence .	1867
*Jonathan P. Folsom .	1868
*Frederick A. Pierce .	1869–70
*Thomas Waterman .	1871
*Samuel B. Thaxter .	1872
*Joseph K. Baker . .	1873
John L. Kendall . .	1874
*John A. Lee	1875
*Elbridge G. Snow . .	1876
*Charles W. Romney .	1877
*Frederick Frye . . .	1878
*Edwin Wright . . .	1879
Enoch G. Best, M.D.	1880
Edmund P. Kendrick	1881
*Charles Harris . . .	1882
*Howard F. Rowe . .	1883
*Wm. A. Farnsworth .	1883
*Henry H. Fletcher .	1884
*Charles C. Bixby . .	1885
*Lucius Field . . .	1886
*Joseph W. Hill . .	1887
*John B. Whitaker .	1888
*George M. Rice . .	1889
Frederick H. Spring .	1890
*Alfred A Burrill . .	1891
*George F. Walker . .	1892
*Thomas Kellough . .	1893
*Forrest E. Barker . .	1894
Henry E. Gaylord . .	1895
Jonathan Smith . . .	1896
Albion H. Libby . .	1897
*Olin C. Towle . . .	1898
Edward M. Meckins .	1899
Albert E. Bradley . .	1900
Charles H. Miller . .	1901
Edward Parker . .	1902
*Geo. W. Storer . . .	1903
Fred D. McGregor .	1904
Daniel L. Brownell .	1905
Henry L. Sherman .	1906
Edward E. Jameson .	1907

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Arthur W. Beckford	1908	G. Sidney Macfarlane	1914
John J. Van Valkenburgh	1909	*Henry N. Fisher . .	1915
George O. Sheldon . .	1910	Chas. W. Delano . .	1916
John M. Cochran . .	1911	Edward O. Burton .	1917
David T. Montague .	1912	Dean K. Webster .	1918
Dwight E. Cone, M.D.	1913	Charles F. Mann . .	1919

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*James Harrison . .	1798	*Henry Earl	1850–51
*Joshua Greenleaf . .	1799	*Jonas A. Marshall . .	1852
*Charles Jackson . .	1800	*Horace Chenery . .	1853
*Benjamin Russell . .	1801	*John McClellan . . .	1854
*Stephen Howard . .	1802	*Abraham A. Dane .	1855
*Abraham Perkins .	1803–1804	*John Andrews . . .	1856
*Samuel A. Otis . . .	1805	*Joel Spaulding . . .	1857
*James Dean Hopkins .	1806	*James Kimball . . .	1858
*Thomas Carey, Jr. . .	1807–08	*Henry Goddard . .	1859
*Thomas Jackson . .	1809	*George Sherwin . .	1860
*Sumner Barstow . .	1810	*George Talbot . . .	1861
*Henry Purkett . . .	1811	*Moses H. Fowler . .	1862
*Edward Turner . . .	1812	*John M. Pike . . .	1863
*Andrew Sigourney .	1813–14	*Wanton T. Drew . .	1864
*Nathaniel Knapp, Jr.	1815	*Marlborough Williams	1865
*Joseph Brown . . .	1816–17	*Rufus S. Pope . .	1866
*Robert Lash	1818	*Lyman B. Meston . .	1867
*James Morse	1819–20	*Charles H. Norris . .	1868
*Roswell Lee	1821	*Thomas Winship . .	1869–70
*Daniel Baxter . . .	1822	*Fred G. Walbridge .	1871
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens	1823	*James Smith	1872
*John James Loring .	1824–25	*James Utley	1873
*Samuel Clark	1826–29	*Alex. K. Bryer . . .	1874
*Charles Wells . . .	1829–32	*Samuel B. Hildreth .	1875
*William Whiting . .	1833	*Josiah C. Fuller . .	1876
*Simon W. Robinson .	1834–35	*Seranus Bowen . . .	1877
*Elijah Atherton . .	1836	*Baalis Sanford . . .	1878
*Enoch Hobart . . .	1837–39	*George E. Boyden .	1879
*John R. Bradford .	1840	Albert C. Smith . .	1880
*Robert Keith . .	1841–43	*Sylvanus Cobb, Jr. .	1881
*Ruel Baker	1844–45	*William Humphrey .	1882
*Joel Talbot	1846–47	*Albert L. Richardson	1883
*Lucien B. Keith . .	1848	Jerome Smith . . .	1884
*Samuel Millard . . .	1849	*Silas B. Dickerman .	1885

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*Nathan J. Simonds .	1886	M. Perry Sargent . .	1903
*Othello A. Fay . . .	1887	*Frank Chandler . .	1904
*Solomon A. Bolster .	1888	Frank B. Spalter . .	1905
*John W. Chapman .	1889	Fred E. Pierce . . .	1906
*Timothy A. Coolidge .	1890	Albert E. Taylor . .	1907
Eleazer H. Brazer .	1891	*Henry P. Brown . .	1908
*Alonzo H. Smith . .	1892	Edward L. Chase . .	1908
*Charles T. Chase . .	1893	*Walter F. Medding .	1909
David W. Battles .	1894	Fred H. Scott . . .	1910
*William P. Brechin .	1895	G. Albert Kenyon .	1911
Robert K. Sears . .	1896	Alfred H. Nash . .	1912
R. Walter Hilliard .	1897	Charles W. Godfrey .	1913
*Charles C. Henry . .	1898	Harry E. Bicknell .	1914
*Walter M. Wright .	1899	Charles L. Waid . .	1915
*William E. Livingston	1899	Wm. M. Thorup . .	1916
*John E. Hamer . .	1900	Augustus Ridgeway .	1917
*Wm. H. H. Soule .	1901	Robert W. Oliver . .	1918
Frank E. Wing . . .	1902	William S. Hamilton .	1919

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SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

DATE OF ORGANIZATION, CONVOCATION AND REPRESENTATIVES

ADDRESS OF EXCELLENT HIGH PRIEST AND SECRETARY

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Subordinate Chapters, with Date of Organization, Convocations and Representatives

Name of Chapter	Location	Organization	Convocations	Annual	EX. HIGH PRIEST	KING	SCRIBE
ADONIRAM	New Bedford ...	Oct. 4, 1816	1st Wednesday....	September ...	William D. Garthly	James G. Owers	John A. Lee
AMHERST	Amherst	Jan. 15, 1912	2d Thursday.....	September ...	George S. Allen	Lewell S. Walker	Henri D. Haskins
AMITY	Beverly	March 12, 1872	4th Tuesday.....	October	J. Martin Jorgensen	Stephen E. Woodbury	Merton E. Johnson
BANCROFT	Ayer	Sept. 11, 1900	3d Tuesday.....	September ...	Joseph W. Fletcher	Frank C. Johnson	John Traquair
BERKSHIRE	Pittsfield	March 13, 1860	2d Thursday.....	October	Albie W. Sylvester	Arthur F. Jones	George B. Sturgis
BETHSAIDA	Everett	Feb. 22, 1911	4th Tuesday.....	September ...	Elmer G. Page	John R. Dexter	James F. Williams
CAMBRIDGE	Cambridge	Dec. 13, 1864	2d Tuesday.....	September ...	Fred W. Jouett	George M. Patterson	George W. Long
CLINTON	Clinton	Sept. 7, 1869	2d Monday.....	October	Charles A. Hosmer	William H. Tanbert	James McK. Donnelly
COMPOSITE	North Adams ...	Dec. 27, 1872	1st Wednesday....	September ...	Jedediah D. Boutwell	Tibbetts M. Northup	Harold E. Byam
CONCORD	Framingham	March 26, 1826	1st Thursday	October	Henry C. Burnham	Arthur H. Burdick	W. G. Whittemore
CORINTHIAN	Adams	Dec. 10, 1865	3d Wednesday	September ...	Robert H. Dunn	Harry V. Higham	John Lawson, Jr.
CRESCENT	Orange	March 11, 1884	1st Thursday	September ...	Willard E. Morse	Fred H. Train	Arthur A. Steinberg
DORCHESTER	Dorchester.....	March 7, 1893	4th Monday	September ...	Arthur E. Rogerson	Frank A. Gibson	Herbert S. Locke
DORIC	Southbridge	Dec. 11, 1866	3d Monday	September ..	Leslie M. Lord	Harry L. Brickett	William C. Lunan
EUREKA	Worcester	Dec. 13, 1870	3d Tuesday.....	September ...	Arthur L. Stone	Edw.M. Woodward, Jr.	Frank A. Wright
EVENING STAR ..	Westfield	Sept. 13, 1870	1st Tuesday	October	Hugh St. Clair Duncan	Edward E. Mayor	J. Harry Johnson
FALL RIVER.....	Fall River	June 7, 1864	2d Monday.....	September ...	William H. B. Kendall	A. Edgar Hanson	Charles E. Clarke
FRANKLIN	Greenfield	Jan. 7, 1818	3d Wednesday	October	Lester L. Luey	Donald E. Mathewson	Herbert J. Smith
GARDNER	Gardner	Nov. 30, 1910	4th Wednesday....	September ...	Fordyce T. Reynolds	George R. Warfield	Henry Leland
HAMPDEN	Palmer	June 9, 1863	1st Monday after O	October	George Patterson	Harry B. Sanborn	Matthew McKenzie
HARMONY	Bridgewater	March 7, 1882	2d Thursday.....	October	Walter W. Gillander	Thomas Carroll	Carl C. Pool
HEBRON	Norwood	June 12, 1883	Last Friday	September ...	Robert D. McLeod	Leroy C. Gardner	Andrew C. Morrow
HOLTEN	Danvers	March 12, 1872	2d Wednesday	October	William G. Merrill	Percy L. Burner	Cyrus F. Newbegin
HOUGHTON	Marlboro	June 11, 1867	2d Friday.....	September ...	Charles H. Beaudry	Claude E. Williams	Clarence E. Marshall
IPSWICH	Ipswich	Sept. 12, 1910	2d Tuesday.....	October	James E. Cole, Jr.	Frank A. Ross	William N. Prescott
ISLE OF THE SEA .	Nantucket	Sept. 10, 1867	2d Monday.....	October	Robert H. Chisholm	William C. Brock	Richard F. Dixon
JOSEPH WARREN.	Provincetown ...	June 8, 1869	1st Friday	October	Emmanuel A. De Wager	George F. Miller	John P. Silva
KEYSTONE.....	Foxboro	June 12, 1860	1st Wednesday....	October	George R. Ellis	Percy B. Richmond	Alva E. Poole
KING CYRUS	Newburyport ...	July 9, 1790	2d Thursday.....	September ...	William H. Colby	Ernest R. Prutzman	William E. Bassett
KING HIRAM.....	Attleboro	March 7, 1876	2d Thursday.....	September ...	Howard E. White	James E. Totten	Walter L. Gardner
KING SOLOMON'S.	Warren	Dec. 7, 1858	3d Tuesday.....	October	William C. Gage	Albert T. Wilde	Chester A. Weir
MENOTOMY	Arlington	June 12, 1866	3d Tuesday.....	September ...	Nathan C. Lombard	Floyd S. Davis	Fred G. Sandford
MILLER	Franklin	Dec. 12, 1872	2d Tuesday.....	October	Oliver J. Goodspeed	William S. Goodwin	Herbert J. Cook
MONUMENT	Great Barrington	June 9. 1874	Mon. on or before O	September ...	Frederick A. Remington	Henry J. Klahn	A. Chalkley Collins
MORNING STAR ..	Springfield	June 10, 1817	1st Friday	October	Frank O. Hartwell	David Wilkinson	Charles A. Hammond
MT. HOLYOKE ...	Holyoke	June 13, 1865	1st Tuesday	October	William Sellers, Jr.	Arthur H. Burgess	Richard G. Mathieson
MT. HOREB	Lowell	Aug. 8, 1826	3d Tuesday.....	October	Herbert W. Horne	Percy J. Wilson	Charles E. Cooke
MT. LEBANON ...	Milford	Dec. 24, 1824	Thursday after O..	October	Gilbert C. Eastman	Asa A. Westcott	Jesse F. Despeaux

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MT. SINAI	Lawrence	Sept. 11, 1860	Last Thursday*	September	Clarence W. Dean	Silas Thomas	Austin Matthews
MT. VERNON	Roxbury	March 7, 1865	3d Thursday	September	Alvah G. Sleeper	Leo W. Twombly	Charles L. Baldner
MT. WOLLASTON	Wollaston	Aug. 22, 1918	2d Friday	September	Walter E. Weld	Philip H. Gallaher	Edgar L. DeForest
MT. ZION	Stoughton	Dec. 12, 1820	1st Friday	September	Edward E. Gage	William Gardner	Edmund A. Chapin
MYSTIC	Medford	June 9, 1863	2d Thursday	September	Edward N. Brown	Charles H. Phinney	Carl O. Childs
NEWTON	Newtonville	Sept. 7, 1869	3d Tuesday	September	Charles E. Fogg	Frank J. Chaplin	Walter A. Brooks
NORFOLK	Hyde Park	May 17, 1870	2d Thursday	September	Edward A. Roland	Arthur T. Byrnes	Arthur E. Campbell
NORTHAMPTON	Northampton	June 23, 1825	1st Wednesday	September	Clarence E. Park	William A. Brownell	Milo H. Buzzee
NORTH STAR	Winchendon	June 11, 1872	2d Monday	September	John W. Parker	Frederick E. Wellington	Clarence M. Damon
OLD COLONY	Middleboro	Oct. 14, 1914	4th Thursday*	October	Theodore N. Wood	Crawford W. Barnes	George A. Jones
ORIENT	Hyannis	Sept. 9, 1856	3d Thursday	October	F. Howard Hinckley, Jr.	Alexander T. Stuart	Freeman C. Bartlett
PARKER	Natick	March 10, 1868	1st Tuesday	September	Willard O. Copithorn	John Keays	William S. McRobert
PENTALPHA	East Weymouth	June 7, 1870	3d Thursday	September	John Taylor	Charles H.Chubbuck, Jr	Sidney G. Dunbar
PENTUCKET	Haverhill	Dec. 19, 1856	1st Friday	October	Forrest V. Smith	Ira C. Titcomb	Theodore Goodrich
PILGRIM	Abington	Dec. 10, 1861	2d Monday	October	Percy R. Shaw	Fred L. Blake	Carrol A. Easton
RABBONI	North Attleboro	March 7, 1912	1st Tuesday	October	Joseph H. Lenzen	William H. Heckman	Henry H. Curtis
READING	Reading	Nov. 20, 1872	4th Wednesday	October	Frank F. Strout	Earl R. Martin	Roy D. Jones
ST. ANDREW'S	Boston	Aug. 28, 1769	1st Wednesday	October	Charles E. Lawrence	Charles W. Kidder	D. Henry Childs
ST. ELMO	Whitinsville	June 7, 1892	1st Tuesday	October	Richard M. Fergerson	William L. Munt	Lucian T. Barnes
ST. JOHN'S	East Boston	Dec. 12, 1854	4th Monday	September	Henry F. J. Klagge	Everett D. Hooper	Fred B. Duncan
ST. MARK'S	Taunton	Dec. 13, 1864	2d Monday	October	Robert C. Witherell	Carlos D. Freeman	C. Roland Hodges
ST. MATTHEW'S	South Boston	June 9, 1863	2d Monday	October	Conrad Allen	Theodore M. Reed	John E. Bernhard
ST. PAUL'S	Boston	Dec. 10, 1818	3d Tuesday	September	Robert G. Wilson	Fred A. Norcross	Wallace C. Keith
ST. STEPHEN'S	Quincy	March 13, 1866	2d Wednesday	October	Arthur Newton	E. H. R. Gardiner	Albert D. Healey
SAMOSET	Plymouth	Dec. 8, 1868	1st Thursday	October	Waldo Haywood	George L. Gooding	Edward L. Burgess
SATUCKET	Brockton	Dec. 7, 1869	2d Friday	October	T. Harry Blackman	Harold W. Sprague	Edward M. Carr
SHEKINAH	Chelsea	Dec. 27, 1855	1st Wednesday	October	Winthrop F. Butler	Ernest B. Schallenbach	Frank R. Ellsworth
SIGNET	Charlestown-Boston	June 9, 1868	2d Thursday	September	Horatio L. Gould	William T. Robbins	William C. Crane
SOMERVILLE	Somerville	Dec. 13, 1870	3d Thursday	September	Alfredda R. Hersam	Edward J. Fudge	Percy A. Brigham
SUTTON	Lynn	Sept. 8, 1869	2d Thursday	September	George H. Gage	Charles L. Betton	J. Frank Miller
SYLVESTER BAXTER	West Harwich	Dec. 7, 1869	Sat. on or before ○	October	Henry K. Bearse	Edgar F. Bassett	John P. Nickerson
TABERNACLE	Malden	March 9, 1886	3d Monday	September	Joseph G. Wright	Edwin C. Perkins	George E. Cleaves
THOMAS	Fitchburg	Dec. 11, 1821	2d Wednesday	September	Edward A. Lamere	James C. Eteson	Richard S. Tucker
TRINITY	Amesbury	Sept. 13, 1870	2d Monday	September	Clair G. Yeaton	Howard L. Johnson	Charles S. Pettingell
TYRIAN	Millbury	Dec. 9, 1873	1st Tuesday	October	George L. Wilbur	Fred H. Rice	Charles B. Winter
UNION	Athol	March 13, 1866	3d Tuesday	October	Harry E. Masters	Meredith G. Williams	Henrie C. Fay
UNITY	Chicopee Falls	Dec. 7, 1875	1st Wednesday	October	Albert C. Davis	Francis S. Nelson	Roy P. Miles
VINEYARD	Vineyard Haven	Jan. 7, 1918	3d Tuesday	October	Alton C. Tuckerman	Hosea S. Look	John W. Cary
WALDEN	Concord	March 11, 1873	4th Monday	September	Albert E. Batley	Ralph L. Hastings	Frank H. Goettler
WALTHAM	Waltham	Dec. 13, 1864	3d Thursday	September	Willie W. Norcross	Adelman E. Clarke	Samuel Alcock
WAREHAM	Wareham	Sept. 7, 1909	1st Monday	October	George P. Morse	Louis C. LeBaron	Benjamin P. Waters
WASHINGTON	Salem	Jan. 15, 1811	2d Thursday	October	Walter L. Williams	Frederick P. Willard	Edward I. Walkley
WAVERLY	Melrose	Sept. 30, 1863	1st Wednesday	September	John E. Guild	Wm. L. Bernhard	Alfred H. Eldredge
WILLIAM FERSON	Gloucester	Dec. 13, 1870	3d Wednesday	September	Washington G. Tucker	Everett A. Flye	Harry G. Pew
WINTHROP	Winthrop	Oct. 19, 1900	4th Tuesday	September	William J. Kavanagh	Amos W. Crooks	George L. Crosby
WOBURN	Woburn	Dec. 13, 1870	4th Wednesday	September	John H. Hammond	James W. Simpson	Percy W. Witherell
WORCESTER	Worcester	Sept. 18, 1823	2d Friday	September	Wilbur A. Searle	Harold H. MacGilpin	Robert P. Guy

* Third Thursday in November.

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AMHERST	George S. Allen	Main St., Amherst	Frank W. Bailey	2 Taylor St., Amherst
AMITY	J. Martin Jorgensen	100 McKay St., Beverly	Frederick Schofield	10 Lennox St., Beverly
BANCROFT	Joseph W. Fletcher	Cold Spring	Elson H. Bigelow	Ayer
BERKSHIRE	Albie W. Sylvester	150 North St., Pittsfield	Harold J. Martin	18 Harding St.. Pittsfield
BETHSAIDA	Elmer G. Page	46 Harlow St., Arlington	Edward B. Noyes	434 Broadway, Everett
CAMBRIDGE	Fred W. Jonett	27 Chester St., West Somerville	Hugh M. Tolar	30 Rindge Ave., Cambridge
CLINTON	Charles A. Hosmer	Clinton	Frank P. Breed	Clinton
COMPOSITE	Jedediah D. Boutwell	209 Ashland St., North Adams	Ernest G. Schmidt	121 Richview Ave., North Adams
CONCORD	Henry C. Burnham	Ashland	George H. Eames	Framingham
CORINTHIAN	Robert H. Dunn	8 Depot St., Adams	William P. Martin	Adams
CRESCENT	Willard E. Morse	50 Hamilton Ave., Orange	Charles L. Gray	68 Pleasant St., Orange
DORCHESTER	Arthur E. Rogerson	69 Beaumont St., Dorchester Centre	Hans H. M. Borghardt	34 Drayton Ave., Uphams Corner
DORIC	Leslie M. Lord	48 Elm St., Southbridge	Franklin C. Monroe	2 Columbus Ave., Southbrdge
EUREKA	Arthur L. Stone	617 Lincoln St., Worcester	Herbert A. Sanderson	833A Main St., Worcester
EVENING STAR ..	Hugh S. Duncan	20 Pearl St., Westfield	Ward Rees	11 Shepard St., Westfield
FALL RIVER.....	William H. B. Kendall	213 Madison St.. Fall River	Harlan W. Littlefield	497 Ridge St., Fall River
FRANKLIN	Lester L. Luey	Greenfield	Chas. W. Lyman	Greenfield
GARDNER	Fordyce T. Reynolds	96 Chestnut St., Gardner	Levi E. Smith	2 Cross Street, Gardner
HAMPDEN	George Patterson	Randall St., Palmer	Fred S. Potter	26 Park St., Palmer
HARMONY	Walter W. Gillander	East Bridgewater	Herbert E. Reed	Bridgewater
HEBRON	Robert D. McLeod	Norwood	George H. Dexter	Norwood
HOLTEN	William G. Merrill	Beacon St., Danvers	Frank W. Ross	Water St., Danvers
HOUGHTON	Charles H. Beaudry	Estabrook Ave., Marlboro	Frederick W. Pratt	204 Church St., Marlboro
IPSWICH	James E. Cole, Jr.	Ipswich	Jesse H. Wade	84 County Rd., Ipswich
ISLE OF THE SEA .	Robert H. Chisholm	Nantucket	Albert G. Brock	Nantucket
JOSEPH WARREN.	Emmanuel A. DeWager	Provincetown	Myrick C. Young	Provincetown
KEYSTONE	George R. Ellis	Foxboro	Fred H. Richards	Foxboro
KING CYRUS	William H. Colby	21 Chestnut St., Newburyport	Chas. A. Stockman	10 State St., Newburyport
KING HIRAM.....	Howard E. White	Attleboro	Wm. W. Josselyn	Attleboro
KING SOLOMON'S.	William C. Gage	Warren	Charles E. Comins	Warren
MENOTOMY.....	Nathan C. Lombard	72 Gray St., Arlington	Ernest Hesseltine	38 Russell St., Arlington
MILLER	Oliver J. Goodspeed	Wrentham	Chas. B. Lamb	Franklin
MONUMENT	Frederick A. Remington	Great Barrington	Chester G. Dalzell	Great Barrington
MORNING STAR ..	Frank O. Hartwell	99 Chapin Terrace. Springfield	Howard C. Kelly	80 Rochelle St., Springfield
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MT. ZION	Edward E. Gage	Brockton Last Co., Brockton	Albert E. Standish	220 Pleasant St., Stoughton
MYSTIC.....	Edward N. Brown	28 Brooks St., West Medford	George W. Green	65 Powder House Rd., Medford
NEWTON	Charles E. Fogg	8 Atlantic Ave., Boston	Charles E. A. Ross	West Newton
NORFOLK	Edward A. Rolland	458 High St., Dedham	Prince W. Taylor	170 Beaver St., Hyde Park
NORTHAMPTON ..	Clarence E. Park	Northampton	Harold P. Kingsbury	Northampton
NORTH STAR	John W. Parker	Winchendon	Elliot S. Tucker	Winchendon
OLD COLONY ...	Theodore N. Wood	18 School St., Middleboro	Willard A. Dunham	11 Court End Ave., Middleboro
ORIENT	F. Howard Hinckley, Jr.	Yarmouthport	Clarence M. Chase	Hyannis
PARKER	Willard O. Copithorn	47 Willow St., Natick	Harry L. Pond	28 Chestnut St., Natick
PENTALPHA	John Taylor	North Weymouth	Norman S. P. Cann	East Weymouth
PENTUCKET	Forrest V. Smith	83 Merrimack St., Haverhill	J. Franklin Batchelder	212 Merrimack St., Haverhill
PILGRIM	Percy R. Shaw	Abington	Charles F. Dudley	Abington
RABBONI	Joseph H. Lenzen	North Attleboro	George E. Hawes	North Attleboro
READING	Frank F. Strout	Mill St., Reading	Edgar O. Dewey	76 Main St., Reading
ST. ANDREW'S ..	Charles E. Lawrence	6 Beacon St., Boston	Warren B. Ellis	Masonic Temple, Boston
ST. ELMO	Richard M. Ferguson	80 West Main St., Whitinsville	John H. Branigan	Box 74, Linwood
ST. JOHN'S	Henry F. J. Klagge	120 Winthrop St., Winthrop	William S. Shaw	6 Central Sq., East Boston
ST. MARK'S	Robert C. Witherell	5 Bradford St., Taunton	Henry D. Atwell	45 Vernon St., Taunton
ST. MATTHEW'S .	Conrad Allen	157 North Brookline St., Boston	Henry M. Nash	365 Savin Hill Ave., Dorchester
ST. PAUL'S	Robert G. Wilson	167 Lincoln St., Boston	Harold Caverly	18 Tremont St., Boston
ST. STEPHEN'S .	Arthur Newton	Quincy	James H. Webb	505 Huntington Ave., Boston
SAMOSET	Waldo Haywood	Plymouth	Charles A. Strong	Plymouth
SATUCKET	T. Harry Blackman	352 Spring St., Brockton	John M. Smith	147 Centre St., Brockton
SHEKINAH	Winthrop F. Butler	Custom House, Boston	Algernon H. Magune	62 Winthrop Ave., Revere
SIGNET	Horatio L. Gould	146 Mass. Ave., Boston	William L. Barber	36 Marshall St., Somerville
SOMERVILLE	Alfredda R. Hersam	54 Albion St., Somerville	George E. Baxter	19 Eastman Rd., Somerville
SUTTON	George H. Gage	76½ Washington St., Lynn	Charles B. Bethune	23 Central Ave., Lynn
SYLVESTERBAXTER	Henry K. Bearse	Harwich	Thos. H. Nickerson	Harwichport
TABERNACLE	Joseph G. Wright	11 Franklin St., Wakefield	Wallace M. Corbin	18 Horace St., Malden
THOMAS	Edward A. A. Lamere	470 Main St., Fitchburg	Frederick A. Currier	304 Main St., Fitchburg
TRINITY	Clair G. Yeaton	331 Main St., Amesbury	W. B. Frisbee	24 Prospect St., Amesbury
TYRIAN	George L. Wilbur	Millbury	J. Ralph Reeby	21 Bridge St., Worcester
UNION	Harry E. Masters	61 Prospect St., Athol	James H. McIntosh	224 Main St., Athol
UNITY	Albert C. Davis	105 East St., Chicopee Falls	Edwin S. Davis	Masonic Temple, Chicopee Falls
VINEYARD.....	Alton C. Tuckerman	Vineyard Haven	Fred C. Peakes	Vineyard Haven
WALDEN	Albert E. Batley	Maynard	Will A. Charles	Concord Junction
WALTHAM	Willie W. Norcross	39 Spruce St., Watertown	Samuel Friebe	4 Riverview Ave., Waltham
WAREHAM	George P. Morse	West Wareham	Nelson P. Hanley	Wareham
WASHINGTON ...	Walter L. Williams	5 State St., Peabody	Ralph O. Russell	35 Sutton St., Peabody
WAVERLY	John E. Guild	438 Lebanon St., Melrose	H. West Leonard	65 Willow St., Melrose
WILLIAM FERSON	Washington G. Tucker	11 Marsh St., Gloucester	Ernest L. Blatchford	16 Addison St., Gloucester
WINTHROP	William J. Kavanagh	37 Prospect Ave., Winthrop	Harry W. Aiken	211 Winthrop St., Winthrop
WOBURN	John H. Hammond	19 Willow St., Woburn	Chas. H. Harrington	10 Church St., Woburn
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GRAND SECRETARIES OF GRAND CHAPTERS

IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts

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Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson
Arkansas	John C. Bone	Batesville
California	Thos. A. Davies, M. T., Rm. 421	San Francisco
Colorado	Charles H. Jacobson, M. T. 320	Denver
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Delaware	Stuart J. Horn	Wilmington
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Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville
Georgia	E. A. McHan	Macon
Idaho	Lewis W. Ensign	Boise
Illinois	J. E. Jeffers	Springfield
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis
Iowa	O. F. Graves	Harlan
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka
Kentucky	G. Allison Howard	Lexington
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South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia
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Grand Chapters	Names of Representatives	P. O. Addresses
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Arizona	Charles W. Delano	Worcester
Arkansas	Eugene A. Holton	Boston
California	Dean K. Webster	Lawrence
Canada	Lorenzo L. Green	Medford
Colorado	Charles F. Mason	Watertown
Connecticut	Herbert A. Rhoades	Braintree
Delaware	Edward O. Burton	Clinton
District of Columbia	Frederick T. Comee	M. T., Boston
Florida	Enoch G. Best, M.D.	Greenfield
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Idaho	Robert W. Browning	Concord
Illinois	J. Albert Blake	Malden
Indiana	Henry H. Litchfield	Boston
Iowa	Samuel Crowell, M.D.	Dorchester
Kansas	Clarence A. Brodeur	Westfield
Kentucky	Jesse E. Ames	Boston
Louisiana	Albert C. Smith	Boston
Maine	Curtis Chipman	Newton
Maryland	Charles D. Burrage	Needham
Minnesota	William H. Emerson	Brockton
Mississippi	Olin D. Dickerman	Abington
Missouri	James S. Blake	Boston
Nebraska	Almon B. Cilley	Brookline
Nevada	Eleazer H. Brazer	Chelsea
New Brunswick	Lucius A. Derby	Lowell
New Hampshire	Henry N. West	New Bedford
New Jersey	Edward E. Jameson	Wollaston Heights
New York	Arthur G. Pollard	Lowell
New Zealand	Edwin S. Crandon	Cambridge
North Carolina	Daniel L. Brownell	Taunton
North Dakota	John J. Van Valkenburgh	Framingham
Nova Scotia	Walter T. Cresse	Danvers
Ohio	Leon M. Abbott	Boston
Oklahoma	M. Perry Sargent	Amesbury
Oregon	Gardner R. P. Barker	East Braintree
Pennsylvania	Samuel F. Hubbard	Boston
Quebec	Henry S. Bunton	Hyde Park
Rhode Island	David T. Montague	Boston
South Carolina	William H. Glover	Lawrence
South Dakota	Horace E. Child	Melrose
Tennessee	R. Walter Hilliard	Arlington
Texas	Edward M. Woodward	Worcester
Utah	Charles W. Godfrey	Fitchburg
Vermont	Smith B. Harrington	Wollaston Heights
Virginia	Warren B. Ellis	Boston
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Arkansas	Arthur L. Smith	Little Rock
California	Elmer E. Stone	San Francisco
Canada	John E. Harding	Lindsay, Ont.
Colorado	John H. Gabriel	Denver
Connecticut	Stephen P. Goodsell	Winsted
Delaware	Harry W. Lowe	Wilmington
District of Columbia	Edwin St. Clair Thompson	Washington
Florida	Irving E. Webster	Gainesville
Georgia	John Z. Lawshe	Atlanta
Idaho	Max W. Griffith	Moscow
Illinois	Delbert A. Clithero	Chicago
Indiana	Wm. E. English	Indianapolis
Iowa	E. M. Williams	Fort Dodge
Kansas	Edward W. Wellington	Ellsworth
Kentucky	Frank H. Johnson	Louisville
Louisiana	James H. Caldwell	Robeline
Maine	Charles F. Ridlon	Norway
Maryland	A. LeRoy McCardell	Frederick
Minnesota	Irving Todd	Hastings
Mississippi	Andrew J. Peck	Meridian
Missouri	Charles A. Truitt	St. Louis
Nebraska	Lewis E. Smith	Long Pine
Nevada	John W. Wright	Reno
New Brunswick	Stewart L. Morrison	Fredericton
New Hampshire	Charles H. Webster	Nashua
New Jersey	Frederick J. Melvin	Cape May
New York	Francis L. Mitchell	New York, N. Y.
New Zealand	Josiah D. Webster	Auckland
North Carolina	J. W. Cuthbertson	Charlotte
North Dakota	Francis Ingalls	Jamestown
Nova Scotia	Malcolm McF. Hall	Halifax
Ohio	Levi C. Goodale	Cincinnati
Oklahoma	John A. Walker	Tulsa
Oregon	Frank H. Vincil	Roseburg
Pennsylvania	Charles E. Cooper	Oil City
Quebec	W. W. Williamson	Montreal
Rhode Island	Wilbur A. Scott	Pawtucket
South Carolina	Joseph Lindsay	Chester
South Dakota	John K. Kutnewsky	Redfield
Tennessee	Wilbur F. Foster	Nashville
Texas	Sam J. Helm	Corsicana
Utah	Sidney W. Badeon	Ogden
Vermont	Samuel T. Braley	Rutland
Virginia	Solomon Cutchins	Richmond
Washington		
West Virginia	Walling Van Winkle	Parkersburg
Wisconsin	Frank E. Noyes	Marinette
Wyoming	Horace D. Beemer	Laramie

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GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Officers elected at the thirty-seventh Triennial Convocation, at Baltimore, Maryland, for the term of 1918 to 1921.

Frederick W. Craig, General Grand High Priest, Des Moines, Iowa.

William Frederick Kuhn, Deputy General Grand High Priest, Kansas City, Missouri.

Charles Northrup Rix, General Grand King, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

John Albert Blake, General Grand Scribe, Boston, Massachusetts.

Gustav Adolph Eitel, General Grand Treasurer, Baltimore, Maryland.

Charles Arthur Conover, General Grand Secretary, Coldwater, Michigan.

Henry Banks, General Grand Captain of the Host, LaGrange, Georgia.

Henry DeWitt Hamilton, General Grand Principal Sojourner, New York City, New York.

Charles Clark Davis, General Grand Royal Arch Captain, Centralia, Illinois.

Leon Tony Leach, General Grand Master Third Veil, Indianapolis, Indiana.

John William Neilson, General Grand Master Second Veil, Concordia, Kansas.

William Tecumseh Sherman O'Hara, General Grand Master First Veil, Toledo, Ohio.

William Parker Filmer, Trustee for nine years, San Francisco, California.

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MASONIC CALENDAR

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it ANNO LUCIS (A.L.), "in the year of light."

SCOTTISH RITE, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish chronology is used, ANNO MUNDI (A.M.), "in the year of the world."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, ANNO INVENTIONIS (A.I.), "in the year of discovery."

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS date from the year in which the temple of Solomon was completed, ANNO DEPOSITIONIS (A. Dep.), "in the year of the deposit."

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS commence their era with the organization of their Order, ANNO ORDINIS (A.O.), "in the year of the Order."

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, ANNO BENEFACIO (A.B.), "in the year of the blessing."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS—

Add 4000 years to the common era. Thus: 1920 and 4000—5920.

SCOTTISH RITE—

Add 3760 to the common era. Thus: 1920 and 3760—5680. After September add another year.

ROYAL ARCH—

Add 530 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1920 and 530—2450.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Add 1000 to the common era. Thus 1920 and 1000—2920.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS—

From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: 1118 from 1920—802.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

To the Christian era add 1913, the Year of Blessing. Thus 1920 and 1913—3833.

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MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION OF HIGH PRIESTS

The Annual Assembly of the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Tuesday, March 11, A.D. 1919, A. B. 3832 at 3 o'clock P.M.

OFFICERS PRESENT

M.·. E.·. Warren B. Ellis . .	Excellent President
R.·. E.·. Charles E. Prior . .	Vice-President
M.·. E.·. Samuel F. Hubbard . .	Treasurer
M.·. E.·. Frederick T. Comee . .	Secretary
R.·. E.·. Henry S. Bunton . .	Chaplain
R.·. E.·. James S. Blake . . .	Master of Ceremonies
R.·. E.·. Augustus Ridgeway . .	Conductor
E.·. Simeon Cragin . . .	Sentinel

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chapter		
Adoniram,	William M. Thorup	Edward C. Mosher
Bancroft,	Herbert H. Proctor	
Berkshire,	Wm. J. Wooldridge	
Bethsaida,	Melville A. Arnold	
Concord,	J. J. Van Valkenburgh	William Nicholson
Fall River,	Dwight E. Cone	Walter E. Russell
Harmony,	James H. Hunter	Charles P. Lewis
	Henry O. Little	Charles H. Bixby
	Walter S. Little	
Houghton,	George A. Stacy	
Joseph Warren,	Simeon C. Smith	
King Solomon's,	Charles D. Perkins	John B. Canfield
Lawrence,	Samuel D. Kelly	
Mt. Holyoke,	Henry E. Gaylord	
Mt. Horeb,	Benjamin W. Clements	George H. Taylor
Mt. Sinai,	Dean K. Webster	William H. Glover
Mt. Zion,	H. W. Curtis	Ernest B. Southworth
	Charles A. Hixson	Arthur W. Chase
Miller,	Fred L. Tufts	

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MYSTIC,	Lorenzo L. Green	
NORFOLK,	Henry S. Bunton	Edward J. Ellis
OLD COLONY,	George F. Cox	
ORIENT,	Arthur G. Guyer	
PILGRIM,	Roy F. Allen	Charles F. Dudley
	Alfred H. Nash	William Pierce
PARKER,	Daniel C. Felton	
RABBONI,	Fred I. Gorton	
ST. ANDREW'S,	Warren B. Ellis	Frederick T. Comee
	Jesse E. Ames	Augustus Ridgeway
ST. JOHN'S,	Simeon Cragin	Lawrence B. Friswold
ST. MARK'S	Lewis M. Witherell	Eugene H. Brownell
ST. PAUL'S,	Samuel F. Hubbard	James S. Blake
ST. STEPHEN'S	William H. Parry	
SAMOSET,	Harold J. Weston	
SATUCKET,	Frank W. Sears	Warren S. Shaw
SHEKINAH,	Raymond T. Sewall	
SIGNET,	Edgar W. Evans	
SYLVESTER BAXTER,	Harris D. Handy	Thomas H. Nickerson
TABERNACLE,	Charles E. Prior	
TRINITY,	M. Perry Sargent	
TRYIAN,	George J. Dudley	
WALDEN,	Robert W. Browning	Hollis S. Howe
WALTHAM,	Alexander Starbuck	Amasa Harrington
WASHINGTON,	George W. Blinn	
WAVERLY,	Julian C. Woodman	Aubrey W. Dunton
WINTHROP,	Harry M. Jones	Willie I. Kelley
WOBURN,	Benjamin T. Morgan	
WORCESTER,	William H. DeLong,	Joseph H. Jewett

The record of the Annual Assembly of 1918 was read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION OF HIGH PRIESTS,
BOSTON, March 11, 1919.

RECEIPTS

28 Candidates, $5.00 each	$140.00	
71 Supper Tickets, $0.75 each . . .	53.25	
Refund Postage	1.10	
Suffolk Savings Bank	2.83	
		$197.18

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DISBURSEMENTS

Frederick T. Comee, salary, etc.	$ 26.50	
L. C. Dale, rebinding	1.35	
Hobbs & Warren, record book	2.00	
J. C. Miller, Jr., printing	24.25	
H. J. Seiler, catering	126.50	
Bourse Cigar Co.	11.08	
Simeon Cragin, Sentinel	5.00	
Wine glasses	.50	
		$197.18

ASSETS

Suffolk Savings Bank, Book No. 107551:		
April, 1918	$875.30	
October, 1918, Interest	35.36	
		$910.66

SAMUEL F. HUBBARD,
Treasurer.

Received and ordered spread on record.

The Secretary reported havin gthirty-nine applications for the Order from the following Excellent Companions.

Name	Chapter	Residence
Horace L. Humphrey	Adoniram	New Bedford
Dwight M. Billings	Amherst	Amherst
Fred Hobbs	Bethsaida	Everett
David S. Huey	Bethsaida	Everett
William S. Hamilton	Composite	North Adams
Fred A. Windover	Composite	North Adams
Sands S. Woodbury	Concord	Framingham
George H. Davis	Concord	Framingham
William F. Howland	Concord	Framingham
Edward H. Arnold	Corinthian	Adams
George M. Rogers	Dorchester	Boston
Herbert E. Davis	Eureka	Worcester
William J. Denholm	Eureka	Worcester
Alvin G. Weeks	Fall River	Fall River
William C. A. Herr	Gardner	Gardner
Walter W. Gillander	Harmony	East Bridgewater
George H. Covington	Harmony	Bridgewater
Daniel M. MacKay	Joseph Warren	Provincetown
Fred D. Baker	Joseph Warren	Provincetown

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Robert L. Cooke . . .	King Hiram . .	Attleboro
Ralph C. Estes . . .	King Hiram . .	Attleboro
Alexander D. Kennedy .	King Solomon's .	West Warren
Harry G. Pollard . . .	Mt. Horeb . . .	Lowell
J. Everett Hicks . . .	Mt. Vernon . . .	Newtonville
Curtis Chipman . . .	Mt. Vernon . . .	Boston
Edward A. Rolland . .	Norfolk	Dedham
Urban W. Leavitt . . .	Pentucket . . .	Haverhill
Charles E. Laurence . .	St. Andrew's . .	Boston
Alexander Campbell . .	St. Matthew's . .	South Boston
Charles S. Hadaway . .	St. Paul's . . .	Boston
Henry K. Bearse . . .	Sylvester Baxter .	Harwich
George F. Bradstreet . .	Tabernacle . . .	West Medford
Fred A. Young . . .	Thomas	Leominister
Forrest A. Bliss . . .	Thomas	Fitchburg
Samuel Friebe	Waltham . . .	Waltham
George P. Morse . . .	Wareham . . .	West Wareham
Ralph O. Russell . . .	Washington . .	Peabody
Samuel C. Doane . . .	Winthrop . . .	Winthrop
Edward J. Stevens . .	Worcester . . .	Worcester

After a ballot they were each declared duly elected to receive the Order of High Priesthood and the thirty-nine Companions were introduced, regularly consecrated and set apart as High Priests of the Order of Melchizedec. They subsequently signed the By-Laws and became members of the Convention.

By unanimous ballot the following companions were elected officers for the ensuing year and were duly installed into their respective offices by R.·. E.·. M. Perry Sargent, who received a rising vote of thanks for his impromptu, interesting and efficient installation service.

M.·.E.·.Warren B. Ellis . . .	Excellent President
R.·.E.·. Charles E. Prior . . .	Vice-President
M.·. E.·. Samuel F. Hubbard . .	Treasurer
M.·.E.·.Frederick T. Comee . .	Secretary
R.·. E.·. Henry S. Bunton . .	Chaplain
R.·.E.·.James S. Blake . . .	Conductor
E.·. Arthur W. Burr . . .	Herald
E.·. Simeon Cragin . . .	Sentinel

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The Convention was then closed, and the Companions repaired to the Banquet Hall, where the customary banquet was served, after which the Excellent President, M.·. E.·. Warren B. Ellis, delivered the following address:

COMPANIONS:—The rapid turning wheel of time has put another twelve months behind us since we last assembled in the service of our ancient Association. Some of those who were with us then have completed their work, and passed beyond the veil. Their names are held in loving memory by their associates who remain; their activities have ceased, but their influence is not lost, nor can it be, even if unrecognized, by those who are left, for as sure as the rising sun each day fosters the purposes of Nature's Architect, so is every act of life a motive force for building the character of humanity.

Since we were here many events of the utmost importance in the progress of the world have transpired. The great war has ceased, but the solution and settlement of grave questions affecting the rights of nations and individuals are in abeyance. There was never a time when wise deliberation and unselfish decision was so urgently required as in the adjustment of the present disturbed relations of the human family. This interruption of world harmony is wholly the fruit of human selfishness, which is always at the bottom of discord, either individual or national. The selfish ambition of a German Kaiser to become a world ruler has cost the lives of millions of men, laid waste a large section of France, with its delightful cities and charming country, interrupted its commercial welfare, inflicted its people with burdens and privations and made every home a house of mourning. This in a way is true of all the allied nations; even in our own country, with the exception that the theatre of the war did not actually invade our land, all have experienced its disastrous effects. Our sons have shed their

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blood in defence of world humanity. Our people have contributed with a generosity almost beyond belief to sustaining our government and the many organizations that have been at work for the care and comfort of our brave soldiers; and all have met the additional cost of living with cheerfulness, feeling they were helping, just a little, to carry the burden necessary for sustaining liberty against the invasion of selfish autocracy. We believe that every sacrifice, even the lives of our noble men who have fallen on land and sea, is justified by the sacredness of the cause in which they were striving. We believe further that those who are now brought to the front as managers of affairs are deeply sensible of the great responsibility resting on them, and that wise council will prevail and a league for preserving peace be ultimately established which shall not imperil the politcal intregrity of our own country, but ensure amicable relations between the nations of the world, and be an everlasting monument of honor to all who shall have contributed to the grand result.

Although the great war is over, there are other dangers that affect our industrial welfare and threaten the peace of society. Like all social disturbances they are founded in ignorance and selfishness. The danger may be unrecognized by many, yet it exists in a wide field of unrest, fostered and encouraged by irresponsible and reckless leaders who have no respect for law and order, who would disrupt society and appropriate its wealth without justness to their own selfish use. The actors in this movement are largely found among the foreign born who have come to this country for privileges that were denied to them in their native lands. Admitting that there is cause for complaint, and that past industrial conditions have not fairly treated the worker many ways, and that money has often counted for more than life and comfort of human beings, no one can deny that the pendulum of destiny now swings to the limit in the other direc-

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tion, with this aggravation: its movement is controlled by the enemies of law and order, by those who rejoice in confusion and delight in breaking down every comfortable relation of the past. They would crush those who heretofore have led in building the prosperity and influence of our great country. Their excuse is that the wealth accumulated has been stolen from the masses, forgetting that it is rather the reward of great ability and monumental industry, and in fields in which each of them with the same mental capacity and the same industry might attain equal success. No doubt wealth and power has often been attained by selfish and unfair methods, and no doubt the same policy would be pursued by many who now suffer if they could exchange places with those who oppress them. There is only one way to establish harmony and universal prosperity, it is by bringing the world up to a belief in the brotherhood of the human family. When men realize that each are children of one Great Father, and that all are brethren; that the ignorant must be educated, that the weak must be cared for by the strong, and the unfortunate by the prosperous, then the need of great armies will disappear, and the reward of human effort will be ample for the welfare of all.

We have no thought that this glorious condition can be attained at once. The present standards of human association have been reached only after the experience of centuries. The greatest teacher of human brotherhood gave up his life on the cross two thousand years ago, a martry to this principle, and a multitude of others have since fallen in support of the same idea.

Freemasonry is built on the foundation of brotherhood. Its aim is to "unite man of every country, sect and opinion and conciliate true friendship among those who might have otherwise remained at a perpetual distance." As we advance in Freemasonry we find the same instruction emphasized. When you were installed High Priest of your Chap-

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ter, you were reminded of your obligation to "practice the duties of friendship, morality and brotherly love," and in the Commandery we are taught to pray for the day "when swords shall be beaten into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks."

The thought arises, Do we as members of a great brotherhood appreciate the responsibility of our lives, and does Freemasonry accomplish all that we have a right to expect in shaping human character? You are all Excellent Companions. Excellent should not merely indicate official position; it should signify the character of the individual. The High Priest of a Chapter should be a picked man, of clean life, pure thought and conversation and ready to assist to the limit of his ability in lifting all who come under his influence to higher levels of morality and to conditions of increased comfort and usefulness. The world will never be at its best until the hearts of men are moved by this thought and with the belief that all are brothers. Nations have been fighting for centuries and may continue to do so for centuries to come; they certainly will until the hearts of mankind are moved with the sentiments of brotherhood.

We say that Freemasonry, as an organization, has no call to engage in work outside of its fields of recognized duty. We cannot say that such restriction applies individually to its members. We know there is a personal influence going out from every person which is moulding the character of all within its reach. The influence may be unconscious and feeble, it may hardly be discerned, yet it is not lost, in some way it will do its work. We are told that a "little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." We recognize this truth in both good and evil influences. A notable illustration of the evil is the spread of the unrighteous doctrines of the Bolsheviki and anarchist which, unless crushed, will bring untold misery to our land. We recog-

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nize the beneficient effects of the good leaven when it arouses human sympathy, brotherly love and purity of life. These must combat and defeat the destructive power of selfishness and ignorance. We must not only believe in brotherhood as a theory; we must think of it as a condition of life association. We cannot ignore its importance if we reflect on the comfort it promises, the freedom from turmoil, the peace and joy that must come to mankind everywhere under its dominion. May God hasten the day when the banner of Brotherhood shall float in every land.

Following a custom that has prevailed for many years, "Sweet Bye and Bye" was sung in remembrance of M.·. E.·. and Rev. John W. Dadham, who served as President of this Convention of High Priests from September, 1866 to his death in August, 1890.

A true copy:

Frederick T. Comee

Secretary.

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CAPITULAR REVIEW

OF

PROCEEDINGS RECEIVED TO DECEMBER 1, 1919

BY

FREDERICK T. COMEE, P.·. G.·. H.·. P.·.

ALABAMA 1918

NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL — MONTGOMERY, DECEMBER 2, 3
65 CHAPTERS — 6153 MEMBERS — 861 GAIN
54 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, HENRY F. REESE
Grand High Priest elected, JOSEPH D. MATLOCK, Ensley
Grand Secretary, GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Montgomery

Following the opening form inaugurated last year, the Deputy Grand High Priest opened the Convocation and ordered the Grand Captain of the Host and Grand Principal Sojourner to proceed to the office of the Grand High Priest and inform him that the Grand Chapter was open and awaited his pleasure. On entering the hall the Grand High Priest was given the Grand Honors and conducted to the East. A somewhat peculiar form of opening, but it evidently has the approval of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

On assuming his station the Grand High Priest delivered an address covering twenty pages of the Proceedings. Referring to a letter he had sent the Chapters of the Jurisdiction asking for donations for the Illiteracy Campaign he reported contributions from fifteen Chapters amounting to $420.

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In a copy of the letter, given in the address, he says:

"Every intelligent and thoughtful Companion is aware of the deplorable illiteracy existing in this State among adult white citizens. . . . Alabama is humiliated by the fact that many of our Alabama soldiers are unable to read, or to even write their names."

While this may not be considered a strictly Masonic purpose it is one that should have the approval and assistance of every one interested in the welfare of the State.

Dispensations were reported to form two new Chapters, Bullock Chapter at Brantley and Phoenix Chapter at Phoenix, and later in the session, on recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations, charters were granted Abbeville Chapter, No. 147 (dispensation reported last year), and Phoenix Chapter, No. 148, and the dispensation to Bullock Chapter was continued, as the Chapter had held no meeting since its organization and its records were not satisfactory to the Committee.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

November 15, 1917	Balance	$2,602.21
	Receipts	5,148.25
		$7,750.46
	Disbursements	4,984.49
November 15, 1918	Balance	$2,765.97
	In Grand Secretary's hands	1,542.50
	Assets	$4,308.47

The forty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Council of Anointed High Priests was held December 3, when six E.·. Companions were consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order. R.·. E.·. George A. Beauchamp, President; M.·. E.·. Basil M. Hill, Recorder.

A very good synopsis of the transactions of fifty-two Grand Chapters by M.·. E.·. Lawrence H. Lee covers one

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hundred and five pages, the fraternal review of Massachusetts occupying over two pages. He closes his reference to the death of M.·. E.·. J. Gilman Waite with these words, "A splendid man, zealous craftsman, and accomplished officer, his companions will miss him." All being true.

He suggests that the abolition of dual memberships, and in some ways the suggestion is a good one, but, as is usually the case, the matter has two sides and contains some features that recommend it.

ALBERTA 1919

FIFTH ANNUAL — RED DEER, MARCH 12

20 CHAPTERS — 1912 MEMBERS — 41 GAIN

18 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT

Grand Z. presiding, ANDREW R. DICKSON

Grand Z. elected, MELVIN M. DOWNEY, Calgary

Grand Scribe E., JOHN F. JOHNSON, Calgary

The Grand Z. reported the issue of a dispensation for a chapter at Strathmore and the receipt of a gift of $1000 from the Grand Chapter of Canada as an expression of its fraternal good will.

The reports of the three Superintendents indicate a generally satisfactory condition of the Chapters in the Jurisdiction.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

March 1, 1918	Balance	$674.65
	Receipts	2,868.37
		$3,543.02
	Disbursements	2,281.35
March 1, 1919	Balance	$1,261.67

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence of ten pages is composed of excerpts from the printed proceedings of a few other jurisdictions which the committee considered

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especially interesting. Our Grand High Priest of 1918 is complimented by having a full page devoted to a quotation from his address.

I think the committee has the correct idea of what the duty of a Correspondence Committee should be and when they feel justified in presenting a report in full accord with that idea I am quite confident it will not be confined to quotations or limited to ten pages.

ARIZONA 1919

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL — PRESCOTT, FEBRUARY 12

10 CHAPTERS — 914 MEMBERS — 18 GAIN

10 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, JAMES H. BARRETT

Grand High Priest elected, FREDERICK P. CRUICE, Phœnix

Grand Secretary, GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE, Tucson

In his address the Grand High Priest says, "The duties of this office during the past year have been few, but such as there have been I have performed with pleasure, only wishing there had been more to do," and a reading of the Proceedings shows that he is justified in his first statement. Grand Chapter matters seem to have progressed very smoothly, and a reviewer finds very little to attract his attention.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

February 4, 1918	Balance	$1,299.97
	Receipts	1,542.90
		$2,842.87
	Disbursements	2,033.81
January 30, 1919	Balance	$809.06
	Investments	8,000.00
	Assets	$8,809.06

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The Council of the Order of High Priesthood convened February 2, and three Companions were regularly set apart to the Order.

M.·. E.·. Morris Goldwater, President; M.·. E.·. Anthony A. Johns, Recorder.

No Correspondence Report.

ARKANSAS 1918

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL — LITTLE ROCK, NOVEMBER 21

88 CHAPTERS — MEMBERS* — GAIN*

42 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, THOMAS J. WOODS

Grand High Priest elected, DAVID I. MILLS, Pine Bluff

Grand Secretary, JOHN C. BONE, Batesville

The printed proceedings of this Grand Chapter indicate that the past year gave it somewhat more than its proportionate share of unpleasantness, although the Grand High Priest's address is quite optimistic. Circumstances prevented his making many visitations, and he said, "My visitations like angels' visits have been few and far between." His list of dispensations covered four pages, twenty-one being of the "hurry-up" order.

Several Chapters were delinquent in payment of dues or representation and some of them failed to respond to official communications. I think the High Priest or Secretary of a Chapter in Massachusetts guilty of such neglect would very soon be convinced of his error, yet the Grand High Priest says, "Everything in the Grand Jurisdiction of Arkansas is and has been so harmonious and prosperous, and the true spirit of Freemasonry seems to prevail so uniformly and so completely, that no further improvement is required."

*Not given because of failure to receive reports.

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His decisions with one exception were of strictly local interest.

A brother was elected to receive the degrees in a Chapter in Kansas and before receiving any of them removed to Arkansas, presented a petition there which was accepted, and he was given the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Degrees, when he returned to Kansas and telegraphed the High Priest of the Arkansas Chapter a request that the Kansas Chapter be asked to confer the Royal Arch Degree on him, which the High Priest forwarded directly to the High Priest of the Kansas Chapter; and his act was commended by the Grand High Priest of Arkansas, who later received a letter from the Grand High Priest of Kansas, calling attention to the matter and the fact that the Arkansas Chapter had no authority to confer the degrees, which he considered "a gross discourtesy toward the Grand Chapter of Kansas," and that agrees with the opinion that would be held in our Grand Chapter regarding a similar action. We hold that such communications between subordinate Chapters of different Jurisdictions should pass through the respective Grand Chapters. The matter was amicably adjusted by the two Grand High Priests, the Committee on Jurisprudence of Arkansas deciding that the fees received for the degrees by the Arkansas Chapter should be given to the Kansas Chapter.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

November 20, 1917	Balance	$3,314.00
	Receipts	8,392.98
		$11,706.98
	Disbursements*	8,183.68
November 20, 1918	Balance	$3,523.30
	Liberty Bonds	5,000.00
	Assets	$8,523.30

*Purchase of Liberty Bonds $5000.

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The salary of the Grand Secretary was raised from $900 to $1200, indicating that the "high cost of living" is given consideration by the Grand Chapter.

No mention of the Order of High Priesthood and no Correspondence Report.

CALIFORNIA 1919

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL 15, 16
108 CHAPTERS 14,213 MEMBERS 187 GAIN
92 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, WILLIAM P. FILMER
Grand High Priest elected, ELMER H. MCGOWEN, Stockton
Grand Secretary, THOMAS A. DAVIES, San Francisco

The Grand High Priest's address deals only with matters that are of local interest. The afternoon of the first day was devoted to a general School of Instruction under the direction of the Grand Lecturer. I think the degrees were conferred on actual candidates which is not done at our exemplifications of the work and lectures at our Annual Convocations, which are so interesting and beneficial to the officers and members of our Chapters. California also has printed rituals for sale at $1.50 per copy. Our Grand Chapter does not have them.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

April 13, 1918	Balance	$16,645.12
	Receipts	11,489.00
		$28,134.12
	Disbursements	15,655.62
April 20, 1919	Balance	$12,478.50
	Investments	67,000.00
		$79,478.50

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The Committee on New Temple reported a mortgage indebtedness of $215,000, which was being gradually reduced by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Chapter has $60,000 invested in the building on which it receives no dividends, but an income from it is expected in a comparatively short time. The income from rents, etc., during the year was $29,002.80 and expenses (including interest on mortgage) $27,992.02.

In the report of the Grand Lecturer a "York Rite Committee of San Francisco" is mentioned, its object being "to advance the best interests of York Rite Masonry," composed of representatives of each York Rite Body in San Francisco. In my opinion each Grand Jurisdiction of York Rite Bodies would receive benefit from a similar committee.

The Sixtieth Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood assembled April 15 at 8 o'clock P.M., and thirty-one qualified Companions were set apart to the Holy Order in Due and Ample Form. M.·. E.·. Charles Lewis Patton, President; R.·. E.·. Thomas Abraham Davies, Recorder.

In topical form E.·. Companion Hugh King McKevitt gives a report of the Committee on Correspondence covering twenty-two pages as a review of forty-nine Grand Chapters, three of them for two years. He says something about so many of them that it is fair to assume that he read the fifty-two copies that reached him. The generosity of the Grand Chapter is manifested in materially reducing the necessary time and effort required for its former Correspondence Reports and not reducing the salary. Is there a Writers Union in California to order a general strike if the wage of one of its members is reduced? The Companion is an able and interesting writer, but it is not possible for any person to present in *topical form* a review of the pro-

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ceedings of the different Grand Chapters that accomplishes what I consider to be the real purpose of a Correspondence Report. If curtailment of expense is necessary my advice would be to completely omit the report. The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts was favored by having two excerpts from its Proceedings of 1917, covering a full page, appear in the report.

CANADA 1919

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL — TORONTO, JUNE 17

165 CHAPTERS — 20,404 MEMBERS — 803 GAIN

71 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT

Grand Z. presiding, A. S. GORRELL

Grand Z. elected, WILLIAM N. PONTON, Belleville, Ont.

Grand Scribe E., HENRY T. SMITH, Toronto, Ont.

This Convocation was to have been held at Winnipeg, Manitoba, February 26, but insufficient accommodations and climatic conditions made it impossible and the Convocation was postponed to meet in that city May 21, when, owing to labor conditions, the Grand Z. "directed that the Grand Chapter resume business in the city of Toronto, June 17."

I find this in the address of the Grand Z.:

"The word Charity has practically lost its meaning in these later days and now seems to convey the intention of the giving of money to more or less deserving applicants. I totally disagree with this conception of the word when applied to Masonry. . . . Masonic Benevolence is of another character and brings to our minds certain definite duties which we as Masons owe to each other and to the dependents of each other. There seems to be a subconscious feeling in some cases that grants from Masonic Benevolence Funds are a *quid pro quo* for money paid into the Crafts. This sentiment cannot be too strongly condemned as grants from Masonic Benevolence . . . must ever be regarded as one of the sacred privileges of Masonry, whereby the brethren freely and voluntarily extend to a needy brother such help as may be needful in time of trouble."

I agree with the Grand Z. in feeling that the present general understanding of the word Charity unfits it for use in

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connection with Masonic assistance and strongly prefer the word Benevolence.

The Grand Z. reported the formation of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and expressed the assurance that it would "meet with nothing but the kindest of fraternal good will from the Grand Chapter of Canada."

He also reported the issue of two dispensations to form new Chapters, "The Northern Lights," at Timmins, Ontario, and "Vimy," at Inwood, Ontario. The former and Mount Sinai Chapter of Toronto, Ontario, whose dispensation was issued last year, were granted warrants later in the session and Vimy Chapter was continued under dispensation.

The report of the Grand Scribe E.·. states that nearly 1400 names are on the Honor Roll of the Grand Chapter.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

January 31, 1918	Balance	$6,813.23
	Receipts	21,171.83
		$27,985.06
	Disbursements	19,188.93
January 31, 1919	Balance	$8,796.13
	Investments	32,341.83
	Assets	$41,137.96

The Committee on the Conditions of Capitular Masonry in its report says:

"Masonry is founded upon the fundamental principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. There cannot have been, is not now, and never will be, a period when man has not or will not crave for the love and companionship of his fellow man. Throughout all time man will require counsel and assistance as he meets the problems and difficulties of life, and there is no more precious possession than a friend upon whom he can rely."

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An excellent Report on Foreign Correspondence of 128 pages, the fourth by E.·. Companion Edward B. Brown, reviews fifty-two Grand Chapters, the friendly reference to Massachusetts 1917 occupying nearly four pages.

CONNECTICUT 1919

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL — HARTFORD, MAY 13
40 CHAPTERS — 10,815 MEMBERS — 414 GAIN
39 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, WILLIAM R. KEAVANEY
Grand High Priest elected, ERNEST F. SWEENY, Winstead
Grand Secretary, GEORGE A. KIES, Hartford

The Grand High Priest's address is confined to matters of purely local interest. He recommended that each visiting officer visit every Chapter assigned to him "whether he is invited or not," which is a wise recommendation. If a Chapter does not want a visit from a Grand Officer I think it reasonable to assume that there is something wrong in that Chapter. The Committee on the Address presented a resolution, which was adopted, making the recommendation effective.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

May 14, 1918	Balance	$5,251.22
	Receipts	3,246.50
		$8,497.72
	Disbursements	3,374.72
May 13, 1919	Balance	$5,123.00
	Trustees	5,086.31
	Assets	$10,209.31

Recognition of the Supreme Grand R.·. A.·. Chapter of Queensland was wisely deferred.

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The Annual Convention of Anointed High Priests was held May 13 and seventeen qualified Companions were set apart to the Holy Order. The members of the Order are all called "Most Excellent." In Massachusetts the Grand Chapter titles are retained. M.·. E.·. W. Jerome Bissell, President; M.·. E.·. Frank W. Beardsley, Recorder.

M.·. E.·. George A. Kies a year ago bade us farewell as the writer of the Correspondence Reports; but the Grand Chapter exercised its authority (or persuasiveness), and his companions have the benefit of another of his interesting reports which I hope will be continued for many years.

His review of Massachusetts 1918 occupies two pages. He does not approve dual membership, thinks it "serves no good purpose," and quotes from my review of Maine what I said about it without comment. Does he approve or disapprove the feeling I endeavored to describe?

I am glad to know that we agree regarding the proposed new General Grand Constitution, and sincerely hope the Grand Chapter of Connecticut will instruct its representatives to vote against its adoption.

DELAWARE 1919

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL — WILMINGTON, JANUARY 15

4 CHAPTERS — 1530 MEMBERS — 159 GAIN

4 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, LEON WALKER

Grand High Priest elected, W. FRANK SHARP

The small number of Chapters and size of the State add greatly to the ease with which its Capitular matters can be treated, and the proceedings of its Grand Chapter are usually quite an unfruitful field for a Committee on Correspondence.

In his address, the Grand High Priest reported granting a waiver of jurisdiction over a brother then in Washing-

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ton Barracks, Washington, D. C., which apparently does not harmonize with the Resolution of the Grand Chapter adopted in 1904 (page 77) requiring the unanimous consent of the Chapter holding jurisdiction for its release.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

January 16, 1918	Balance	$297.43
	Receipts	992.56
		$1,289.99
	Disbursements	1,010.92
January 15, 1919	Balance	$279.07
	Centennial Fund	204.09
	Liberty Bonds	200.00
	Grand Secretary	1,190.75
	Assets	$1,873.91

In the list of committees there is one composed of three Past Grand High Priests to review the proposed new Constitution and By-Laws of the General Grand Chapter. A committee for the same purpose in the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts is composed of all our Past Grand High Priests.

The Adopted Resolutions of this Grand Chapter provide as follows:

All candidates shall perfect themselves in the essentials of the preceding degrees before being advanced to the degree of Royal Arch Mason.

A High Priest elect must become an anointed High Priest before he can officiate as High Priest of a Chapter.

The Scribe may confer the Mark Degree, the King, the Most Excellent, and the High Priest or a Past High Priest, the Past Master and Royal Arch Degrees.

The High Priest, King and Scribe elect must be examined as to their proficiency before they can be installed.

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The Report on Correspondence of thirty-six pages, the third by R.·. E.·. Thomas J. Day (Past Deputy Grand High Priest), is a synopsis of the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Chapters, Massachusetts 1917 occupying a half page.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1919

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL — WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 12
13 CHAPTERS — 3779 MEMBERS — 273 GAIN
13 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT
Grand High Priest presiding, ARTHUR C. SHAW
Grand High Priest elected, EMMETT M. CARTER, Washington
Grand Secretary, ARVINE W. JOHNSTON, Washington

Congratulations are due this Grand Chapter for the Capitular interest manifested in its increased membership, which is the largest gain in any year since its organization.

In his address the Grand High Priest mentioning the new ritual of the General Grand Chapter says it "contains too many radical changes to commend it to the favor of the Grand Chapter, with which its adoption is optional and not mandatory," which is true under the present General Grand Constitution, but if the proposed new constitution for the General Grand Body is adopted at its next Triennial the *optional* feature in that and all other matters will vanish so far as Grand Chapters are concerned.

The Grand High Priest referred to the ever-faithful and efficient service, for twenty-seven years, of E.·. Companion Orville Drown as Grand Visitor and Lecturer, and, because of his advanced age of eighty-two years, recommended the appointment of an assistant to work under his direction and relieve him of some of the official duties of his office, which received approval of the Grand Chapter.

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GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

February 13, 1918	Balance	$7,917.61
	Receipts	8,068.41
		$15,986.02
	Disbursements*	10,746.88
		$5,239.14
	Investments	5,600.00
	Assets	$10,839.14

The Annual Meeting of the Convention of Anointed High Priests was held February 15, at which thirteen candidates were elected and officers chosen and installed. March 15 a meeting was held for the purpose of conferring the Order and eleven High Priests or Past High Priests were anointed. April 5 the Convention enjoyed its annual dinner at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Certainly the most entertaining feature to be found in the proceedings of any Grand Chapter is the Correspondence Report of this Grand Chapter. One reads it from beginning to end, wondering what each next sentence will contain that is strikingly different from other correspondence reports. Much wisdom is often expressed in a facetious remark and Companion Fulkerson has no superior, if an equal, in that line. His reports undoubtedly find many more readers than those of any other Capitular Correspondence Committee. In his review of Oklahoma he correctly expresses the *apparent* opinion of *some* Companions regarding the duties of Grand Secretaries: that they "are supposed to work in the still hours of the night and leave their days free for the use of the Masonic hegossip."

*$6,323.20 Triennial contributions returned.

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FLORIDA 1919

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL JACKSONVILLE, MAY 20, 21
37 CHAPTERS 3360 MEMBERS 377 GAIN
31 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT
Grand High Priest presiding, CHARLES H. KETCHUM
Grand High Priest elected, W. V. CARTER, Port Orange
Grand Secretary, WILBER P. WEBSTER, Jacksonville

In his address the Grand High Priest referring to the proposed new constitution of the General Grand Chapter says, "It proposes to substitute biennial for triennial sessions, and arrogates to the General Grand Body powers that infringe on the prerogatives and customs of the State Grand Chapters." I hope the members of his Grand Chapter who attend the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter in 1921 will fully realize that in voting for the adoption of the proposed constitution they will vote to surrender the sovereignty of the Grand Chapter of Florida. I expressed my opinion of the proposed constitution in the conclusion of my 1918 report and believe it fairly represents the position that will be taken by the representatives of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts at the next triennial of the General Grand Chapter.

Among the dispensations reported by the Grand High Priest there is one to hold an election to fill a vacancy caused by the Excellent High Priest of a Chapter having permanently left the Jurisdiction. In Massachusetts no election would be necessary, the King would be the acting High Priest. Another dispensation gives authority "to confer the degrees on a class" and I would like to be told what that means.

The Grand High Priest reported the constitution of Walton Chapter at De Funiak Springs, the restoration of

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its charter (arrested in 1912) to Providence Chapter of Lake City and the issue of a dispensation to form a new Chapter, Chipley Chapter, at Chipley.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

May 21, 1918	Balance	$11,889.19
	Receipts	3,926.78
		$15,815.97
	Disbursements	3,826.02
May 20, 1919	Balance	11,989.95
	Liberty Bonds	400.00
	Assets	$12,389.95

"Labor was dispensed with in the Grand Chapter," Lodges of Mark, Past and Most Excellent opened and four brothers were given those degrees for Jacksonville Chapter. Later in the session three of them were exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason.

After the installation of officers this statement appears in the record, "The Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Chaplain having been reëlected and the Grand Guard reappointed, their installation was not necessary at this time." In my Correspondence Report of 1917, page 109, I state my opinion of reinstallations and would be very glad to be shown wherein that opinion is wrong.

Special conventions of the Order of High Priesthood were held at Miami, May 31, 1918, and at Titusville, March 19, 1919. At the former five and at the latter three Companions were consecrated. The Annual Convention was held at Jacksonville, May 21, 1919, when sixteen Companions were "appointed and consecrated in due and

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ancient form." M.·. E.·. Olin S. Wright, President; M.·. E.·. W. P. Webster, Secretary.

The Fraternal Correspondence Report is the third by E.·. Ely P. Hubbell, who places before his Companions much information in a very entertaining manner. In his fraternal consideration of Massachusetts 1918, he mentions my objection to actually conferring degrees on candidates in a Grand Chapter and refers to his "Comments" (which follow his reviews), in which he says the Grand Chapter "does not confer the Capitular degrees at Grand Chapter Convocations." I think the record of this Convocation justifies the impression that the degrees were conferred in Grand Chapter. It says, "Labor was dispensed with in Grand Chapter and a Lodge of Mark Masters was opened." If it was a Special Convocation of Jacksonville Chapter (as Companion Hubbell says it was), should not the record so state it instead of saying the degree was conferred "for Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12?" If it was a special of Jacksonville Chapter, duly called, the degree was conferred *by*, not *for*, that Chapter. In Massachusetts notice of a Special Convocation of a Chapter would have to be sent to each member or its work would not be legal. Were notices so sent or are notices not required in Florida? If Jacksonville Chapter was not regularly opened and, *as the record states*, Labor was dispensed with in Grand Chapter and a Lodge of Mark Masters, and in regular order of Past and Most Excellent Masters and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, was opened, it would appear to me that the degrees were conferred *in* the Grand Chapter *for* Jacksonville Chapter.

I have a pleasant memory of meeting Companion Hubbell in Baltimore and hope we may meet again at the Triennial. If he should come North before that time I hope he will visit Room 209, Masonic Temple, Boston.

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GEORGIA 1919

NINETY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MACON, APRIL 30, MAY 1
156 CHAPTERS 12,011 MEMBERS 1322 GAIN
107 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT
Grand High Priest presiding, ELLIOT W. PARISH
Grand High Priest elected, ANDREW S. HARVEY, Rome
Grand Secretary, EDGAR A. MCHAN, Macon

I quote from the address of the Grand High Priest, "From river to river and from the mountains to the sea there is a general revival of interest in Capitular Masonry. . . . Chapters which for many years have been dormant are now prosperous and thriving."

The address contains much that I would like to include in this report but space forbids.

The report of the Grand Lecturer (also the Grand Secretary) is conclusive evidence that he had a busy year. He made two hundred and six visitations, assisted in conferring five hundred and seven Mark Master, four hundred and ninety-nine Past Master, five hundred and sixty-four Most Excellent Master and six hundred and eighteen Royal Arch Degrees, also in conferring the Council Degree on six hundred and forty candidates, instituted eight new Councils, resuscitated two dead ones, revived three dormant ones, injected new life into several others and held two Schools of Instruction, devoting five days to each of them. He traveled about twenty thousand miles, thirteen thousand being made in the car furnished by the Grand Chapter. I doubt that record being equalled in any other jurisdiction.

Five hundred dollars was appropriated for the George Washington Memorial Association.

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GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Nov. 25, 1918	Balance Former Treasurer	$3,479.95
	Receipts	13,884.40
		$17,364.35
	Disbursements	2,777.45
Apr. 30, 1919	Balance	$14,586.90
	Liberty Bond	1,000.00
	Assets	$15,586.90
	ACCOUNT OF DECEASED TREASURER	
	Balance	$14,334.32
	Receipts	413.06
		$14,747.38
	Disbursements	11,267.43
	Paid new Treasurer	$3,479.95

Last year $1200 was appropriated for a new automobile for the Grand Lecturer, and this year the Committee on Finance include in their estimated expenses $1800 for exchange of automobile for the Grand Lecturer.

The same Committee recommended an appropriation of $3000 as a nucleus for a fund to build a Royal Arch Home for indigent Masons and their widows. I would include their wives and have no doubt it was so intended. I understand the present home is for Masonic Orphans, and hope the success of Capitular Masonry in Georgia will enable the Grand Chapter to annually make a liberal addition to that nucleus.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood assembled April 30 and forty-one Companions were set apart to the Holy Order. M.·. E.·. Robert L. Golding, President; R.·. E.·. E. A. McHan, Recorder.

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On account of the absence of the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Rev. Charles L. Bass, in France engaged in Y.M.C.A. war work, the report was written by the Grand Secretary-Lecturer R.·. E.·. E. A. McHan, the interruption of his work by the influenza epidemic affording the opportunity for him to do so. He writes an interesting report that repays one for its reading, but unfortunately Massachusetts is not contained in his reviews.

ILLINOIS 1918

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL CHICAGO, DECEMBER 3, 4

216 CHAPTERS 48,350 MEMBERS 2571 GAIN

186 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT

Grand High Priest presiding, ARTHUR E. WOOD

Grand High Priest elected, WILLIAM C. SOMMER, Springfield

Grand Secretary, JAMES E. JEFFERS, Springfield

The Grand Chapter was favored with the presence of M.·. E.·. Nelson Williams, P.·. G.·. H.·. P.·. of Ohio, M.·. E.·. Charles C. Davis, P.·. G.·. H.·. P.·. of Illinois and the General Grand Royal Arch Captain, and M.·. E.·. William H. Kuhn, the Deputy General Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest reported the constitution of America Chapter at Chicago, and expressed a very favorable opinion of the value of the Schools of Instruction which are similar to our District Exemplifications. I understand that actual candidates are given the degrees in the Schools of Instruction and am strongly of the opinion that substitute candidates offer a better opportunity for instruction than actually conferring degrees, as explanations and suggestions which may be desirable can then be made without the interruption having an injurious effect on the candidate.

The Grand High Priest felt that the Rituals were in some cases indifferently handled and the record of them

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was not complete; on his suggestion the Committee on Jurisprudence presented an amendment of the By-laws which was adopted, providing that when Rituals were not presented to the District Inspector when officially visiting a Chapter, or satisfactorily accounted for, a penalty of $10 be assessed for each one not so presented or accounted for. The loss of printed Rituals is not at all unusual wherever they are issued. Massachusetts does not sanction them and is therefore free from that trouble.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

October 17, 1917	Balance	$26,076.94
	Receipts	25,457.73
		$51,534.67
	Disbursements*	34,283.00
October 16, 1918	Balance	$17,251.67
	Investments	30,000.00
	Assets	$47,251.67

The sixty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood met December 3, and forty-eight Companions were set apart to the Holy Order. M.·. E.·. Geo. M. Moulton, President; M.·. E.·. S. O. Spring, Recorder.

The Correspondence Report is by M.·. E.·. George W. Warvelle. Thirty-nine pages are devoted to reviews of fifty-three Grand Chapters (including Massachusetts 1917) and twenty pages to his "Postscript," which is always interesting and instructive. He says his jurisdictional reviews are short, as the year presented little that was new. He found in some jurisdictions a leaning to the topical form

*Grand Lodge $5000, Masonic Hospital $500, Red Cross $1000, Liberty Loan Bonds $5000.

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of a Correspondence Report. I have never seen a "topical report" that gave information concerning the transactions of the individual Grand Chapters, which I consider the real object of Correspondence Reports. It may be easier for some writers to write on general topics than to carefully read the proceedings of the different Grand Chapters and report to their Companions the varying laws and customs for their information and comparison with those of their own Grand Body, but the number capable of writing a *good* "topical report" is very small. Companion Warvelle can do it; his "Postscripts," which are practically on the topical plan, are the best I have read and I enjoy reading them, as I always do from beginning to end; but as a report on the proceedings of the different Grand Chapters they do not give me the satisfaction and information I find in his "jurisdictional reviews." However, it is not my intention to argue against topical reviews in this report, those who want them are welcome to them so far as I am concerned.

In his Postscript under "Work" Companion Warvelle quotes *The New England Craftsman* on the *practical* Masonic work that is done by Dorchester Chapter of Boston with approval and says the same work "can be done in every Chapter in Illinois." So it *can* be done in every Chapter in Massachusetts but unfortunately it is not. In other ways than those mentioned in the *Craftsman* Dorchester Chapter is doing equally good, true Masonic work, such as visiting its members who are sick or in trouble and providing, if possible, whatever is needed, giving automobile rides to those whose financial condition prevents owning a car, and entertainments for the families of its members. It is a real active and alive *Masonic* body of which our Grand Chapter is very proud.

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He also excerpts from the address of our Grand High Priest in regard to shortening the work of sections of the Past and Royal Arch Degrees and says, "The true solution of the question seems to lie in the adoption of the class system of conferring degrees," which he considers "strictly in keeping with the old landmarks."

Under "Residential Qualifications" he says the Grand Chapter of Illinois had been "severely criticised in some quarters" for its holding that a Brother in the Army or Navy who had not resided in a Chapter's jurisdiction the required time could not apply for the degrees, which is the same as the ruling of our own Grand Chapter.

There is more contained in this Postscript that I would like to mention but "space forbids."

INDIANA 1918

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL INDIANAPOLIS, NOVEMBER 7, 8
125 CHAPTERS 21,678 MEMBERS 1051 GAIN
113 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT
Grand High Priest presiding, ELWOOD BARNARD
Grand High Priest elected, WILLIAM W. ROSS, Evansville
Grand Secretary, CALVIN W. PRATHER, Indianapolis

The regular dates for this Convocation were October 23 and 24, the postponement having been caused by a prevailing epidemic of influenza.

The Grand High Priest reported the issue of a dispensation to form a new Chapter at West Lebanon and thirteen dispensations to elect officers. All applications for dispensations to confer degrees in less than the required time were refused.

The Grand High Priest rendered a decision that a brother having received one or more degrees in a Chapter could not be prevented from receiving the remaining de-

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grees by a simple objection, that charges and trial were then necessary to prevent further advancement, which is good Masonic law and should be in force in every jurisdiction.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

October 14, 1917	Balance	$5,428.80
	Receipts	7,795.42
		$13,224.22
	Disbursements*	8,815.17
October 15, 1918	Balance	$4,409.05
	Investments	10,000.00
	Assets	$14,409.05

The Grand Secretary, in his report, mentions the fact that over 2100 companions from this State (practically ten per cent of the membership of the Jurisdiction) are in the service of the Government.

On recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations charters were granted two Chapters U. D., Arcana Chapter at Upland and Ashley-Hudson Chapter at Ashley.

The Committee on Claims recommended the following appropriations: Masonic Home, $500; Red Cross, $200; Y.M.C.A., $100, and the Salvation Army, $50. Adopted.

The "Council of High Priests" met November 7 and consecrated forty-six petitioners to the Holy Order.

M.·. E.·. John J. Glendening, President; M.·. E.·. Calvin W. Prather, Recorder.

M.·. E.·. Robert A. Woods presented a report of his "eighth Capitular journey through the Grand jurisdictions of the world," containing in narra-

*Liberty Bonds $2000.

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tive form much Capitular instruction and a peculiar mistake; the review of Rhode Island 1917, reported as not received, appearing under the title "New Jersey 1917." Amusing mistakes will occasionally occur—of course the printer is responsible for them.

A careful reading of the reviews shows that the Masonic opinions expressed by M.·. E.·. Companion Woods very closely coincide with my own; but if he reads my 1918 report he will see that I do not agree with the statement in his review of Minnesota 1917 that the General Grand Chapter *"ought to be"* the supreme governing body. Is he satisfied with the supreme government of the Grand Encampment and would his Grand Lodge vote to establish a supreme General Grand Lodge? I must also disagree with his statement, in the report of the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter at Baltimore in 1918, that "the chief item of interest was the attempted settlement of the Scottish invasion of our Philippine territory." I believe "the chief item of interest," presented at that Convocation, and the one having the most vital relation to the welfare of the General Grand Body and its constituent Grand Chapters, was the proposed new constitution for the General Grand Chapter which, if adopted, will annul its present advisory position and give it absolute authority over the actions of the Grand Chapters. Such an infringement of the rights of Grand Chapters, as there now exists, I am sure will meet positive and determined opposition from several Grand Chapters, and result in a disturbance of the general Capitular harmony that has prevailed since the adoption of the present regulations regarding the authority vested in the State Grand Chapters at the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter in Chicago in September, 1859, by over three-quarters of the votes cast.

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IOWA 1918

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL FORT DODGE, NOVEMBER 14, 15
126 CHAPTERS 16,288 MEMBERS 685 GAIN
77 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT
Grand High Priest, ISAAC T. FORBES, Marshalltown
Grand High Priest elected, EUGENE SCHAFFTER, Eagle Grove
Grand Secretary, O. F. GRAVES, Harlan

The Annual Convocation was postponed from October on account of the epidemic of influenza. The Grand Chapter was opened by the Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand High Priest being unable to be present on account of illness.

In his address the Grand High Priest said Capitular Masonry in Iowa was in a very prosperous condition. He refused to grant several dispensations "to ballot on petitions out of time," and rightly criticised Secretaries and High Priests of Chapters who did not reply to communications from the Grand Secretary or himself, saying such officers should be "cast aside and thrown among the rubbish as unfit for use." As quite a large number of rituals were in the hands of those not now in office, he recommended the issue of an order for their return.

The report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters, which was adopted later in the session, recommended a penalty of $25 to be paid by a Chapter for each ritual lost by one of its officers or not turned over to his successor, and the suspension or revocation of the charters of seven Chapters.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

September 22, 1917	Balance	$17,400.84
	Receipts	11,613.70
		$29,014.54
	Disbursements	13,499.15
September 20, 1918	Balance	$15,515.39
	Liberty Loan Bonds	3,000.00
	In Trustees' Hands	33,560.18
	Apparent Assets	$52,075.57

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The sixty-first Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held November 14. M.·. E.·. George A. Riemcke, President; M.·. E.·. Edward M. Willard, Recorder. Both reëlected.

Sixteen Companions were duly set apart to the Holy Order.

The Report on Correspondence is by M.·. E.·. Edward M. Willard who gives an interesting, well-written report of sixty pages, fraternal consideration of Massachusetts 1917 covering nearly two pages.

KANSAS 1919

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL — WICHITA, FEBRUARY 17, 18

96 CHAPTERS — 12,159 MEMBERS — 393 GAIN

66 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest, HERBERT R. HULL

Grand High Priest elected, JOHN A. FERRELL, Sedan

Grand Secretary, ALBERT K. WILSON, Topeka

The Grand High Priest was unable to be present because of a snow blockade of the railroad and the Grand Chapter was opened by the Deputy Grand High Priest who read the Grand High Priest's address, in which the death of M.·. E.·. Matthew M. Miller was announced. Companion Miller has written the Correspondence Report for this Grand Chapter and had in a large degree the respect of his fellow-correspondents, who sincerely regret that his last page is written.

The Grand High Priest reported the constitution of Liberal Chapter at Liberal, and La Crosse Chapter at La Crosse. He called attention to several Chapters in which an unsatisfactory condition existed, the officers being unable to confer the degrees and depending on Companions from other Chapters to do their work, and asked, "If certain Chapters the members of which cannot or will not

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perfect themselves that the beautiful degrees of Capitular Masonry can be conferred in an intelligent manner, why is it wise to permit them to retain charters empowering them to do business?" Companions who have not shown an ability to learn the work, and a willingness to give time and energy to it, should never be honored by an election to an important Masonic office. In some jurisdictions a High Priest elect is required to demonstrate his ability to perform the work of the office before he can be installed, which I consider an excellent plan.

Forty-eight special dispensations were reported, thirty-six being caused by Chapters having been unable to hold their election of officers at the proper time.

The Grand High Priest recommended the revocation of the Charters of Howard Chapter at Howard, Tyrian Chapter at Washington, Burlington Chapter at Burlington and Dwight Chapter at Dwight, which received the approval of the Committee on Chartered Chapters and their report was adopted.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

February 1, 1918	Balance	$13,450.20
	Receipts	11,762.40
		$25,212.60
	Disbursements	14,569.49
February 1, 1919	Balance	$10,643.11
	Charity Fund	697.15
	Investments	12,500.00
	Assets	$23,840.26

From the report of the Grand Secretary it appears that the original charter of a Chapter is placed on file in the Grand Lodge Library and a certified photographic copy given the Chapter.

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The usual trouble in Grand Chapters having printed rituals is evidenced by items in the cash receipts of the Grand Secretary showing $50 for lost rituals.

This Grand Chapter gives its Grand High Priest a salary of $200; the honor of being chosen to that high office is usually sufficient consideration for the services rendered, and I presume there are Companions in many jurisdictions who would gladly give that amount if they could have that honor.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood assembled February 18 and thirty-nine Companions were elected to receive the Order. M.·. E.·. John A. Ferrell, President; R.·. E.·. Albert K. Wilson, Recorder.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by the Grand Secretary, R.·. E.·. Albert K. Wilson, who completed the unfinished report of the late Matthew M. Miller, and the similarity of the writings of the two Companions is so great that if one is not told he cannot tell the reviews that were written by each Companion. Massachusetts 1917 passed the fraternal consideration of the Grand Secretary without criticism or approval.

KENTUCKY 1918

ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST ANNUAL LOUISVILLE, DECEMBER 10, 11
113 CHAPTERS 10,243 MEMBERS 487 GAIN
88 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, ISAAC T. WOODMAN
Grand High Priest elected, SIDNEY S. TINNEY, Mt. Sterling
Grand Secretary, G. ALLISON HOLLAND, Lexington

In this Jurisdiction the Grand High Priest does not render a *decision* except "in case of an appeal from the decision of a Chapter or its High Priest." He gives his "advice" on questions proposed to him and says "my advice does not rise to the dignity of a decision." For ex-

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ample, the Secretary of a Chapter asked if an application for Chapter degrees could lawfully be received from a Fellow Craft. The Grand High Priest's "advice" was that an application from a Fellow Craft could not lawfully be received.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

October 5, 1917	Balance	$11,797.37
	Receipts*	15,497.48
		$27,294.85
	Disbursements†	22,198.82
October 5, 1918	Balance	$5,096.03
	Educational Fund	11,000.00
	Bonds	15,000.00
	Assets	$31,096.03

The "Report on the Doings of Other Grand Chapters" is by P.·. G.·. H.·. P.·. George B. Winslow. He says: "We have read and digested Proceedings of Grand Chapters as follows [fifty-three Grand Chapters named]. Those marked with * [thirty-six of them] contained nothing which seemed to us to be of *general interest,* hence we do not make a detailed reference to them." Massachusetts 1917 was one of the fortunate seventeen not marked "*." Under that heading he stated that we exemplified the Royal Arch degree, used the system of Grand Lecturers instead of rituals, of which we had but one copy, and declined to place another copy in the western part of the State. The remainder of the article is a story intended to show that there are no "Secrets of Masonry."

In Kentucky nine cipher rituals are allowed each Chapter and a Past High Priest in good standing can purchase one for one dollar. M.·. E.·. Companion Winslow says "this plan has worked well with us and seems to have been beneficial."

*Loan $4500.

†Payment of Loan $4500, Investment $5000, Mason's Home $2289.75.

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LOUISIANA 1919

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL NEW ORLEANS, FEBRUARY 4, 5
45 CHAPTERS 4559 MEMBERS 105 GAIN
35 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, E. H. ADDINGTON
Grand High Priest elected, W. M. WASHBURN, Monroe
Grand Secretary, JOHN A. DAVILLA, New Orleans

In his address the Grand High Priest expressed the opinion "that extreme care ought to be exercised in the issue of Dispensations and Charters to make sure that there is a reasonable prospect that the new Chapter will become a permanent and active center of light." The Historical Table of Chapters in this Jurisdiction that is given indicates that some of his predecessors have not used that "extreme care," and there is ample evidence that in some other jurisdictions Chapters have been established in such small places, with so few Master Masons within a reasonable distance, that a troublesome existence and an early termination of it was practically certain.

All dispensations to "waive time" on applications for the degrees were refused.

In mentioning the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter held at Baltimore, the Grand High Priest expressed a personal objection to the proposed new General Grand Constitution which will be acted on at the next Triennial and I strongly agree with him. I feel quite sure that several Grand Chapters will seriously oppose relinquishing sovereignty in their jurisdictions and becoming subordinate bodies. My opinion of the matter was expressed in the conclusion of my 1918 report.

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GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

February 6, 1918	Balance	$4,120.93
	Receipts	4,867.40
		$8,988.33
	Disbursements	6,201.53
February 4, 1919	Balance	$2,786.80
	Investments	13,424.00
	Paraphernalia	500.00
	Assets	$16,710.80

The Council of the Order of High Priesthood convened the evening of February 4th and afternoon of the 5th. At the latter assembly eight Companions were duly appointed. M.·. E.·. H. C. Duncan, President; R.·. E.·. John A. Davilla, Recorder.

The Foreign Correspondence Report by M.·. E.·. and Rev. H. C. Duncan of twenty-two pages reviews fifty-one Grand Chapters, Massachusetts 1917 receiving seven lines.

MAINE 1919

NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL PORTLAND, MAY 6, 7

65 CHAPTERS 11,446 MEMBERS 306 GAIN

55 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, CLIFFORD J. PATTEE

Grand High Priest elected, SAMUEL B. FURBISH, Brunswick

Grand Secretary, CHARLES B. DAVIS, Portland

The printed Proceedings of this Convocation contains very little to attract attention out of the Jurisdiction. Capitular affairs appear to be in a prosperous condition and wisely administered.

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GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

May 7, 1918	Balance	$12,363.74
	Receipts	3,309.78
		$15,673.52
	Disbursements*	10,720.43
May 6, 1919	Balance	$4,953.09
	Apparent Charity Fund	20,239.01
	Assets	$25,192.10

The Council of the Order of High Priesthood met May 7 at 7 o'clock P.M. M.·. E.·. Albert M. Penley, President; M.·. E.·. Charles B. Davis, Recorder. Both reëlected.

Twenty-two Companions were regularly received and anointed.

The most interesting part of the Proceedings is the Report on Correspondence by M.·. E.·. Thomas H. Bodge. In a very able manner he reviewed the doings of fifty Grand Chapters and I regret that Massachusetts is not among them. This good Companion does not hesitate to express his own opinion, and they very generally agree with my own. The matters wherein we do not fully agree are really of so little importance that it would be a waste of time to mention them. I presume he occasionally visits Boston and hope when he is here he will give me the pleasure of grasping his hand—Room 209, Masonic Temple, Companion Bodge.

MARYLAND 1918

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL BALTIMORE, NOVEMBER 21
24 CHAPTERS 4767 MEMBERS 270 GAIN
22 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, J. H. TERD HAHN
Grand High Priest elected, OLIVER C. WAREHIME, Frederick
Grand Secretary, JOHN H. MILLER, Baltimore

*$7641.02 transferred to Charity Fund

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A Special Convocation was held in Baltimore October 2 to officially welcome the General Grand Chapter, which had come to that city to hold its Triennial Convocation. The greeting of the Grand Chapter of Maryland was expressed by the Grand High Priest in well-chosen language and an appropriate response made by the General Grand High Priest.

A serious accident that occurred to the Grand High Priest early in his term of office prevented him from making the usual visitations. At the Annual Convocation his address was a short business-like statement of his administration.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

November 22, 1917	Balance	$9,981.95
	Receipts	4,610.72
		$14,592.67
	Disbursements*	9,905.75
November 21,1918	Balance	$4,686.92
	Liberty Loan Bonds	4,000.00
	Assets	$8,686.92

The Grand Chapter requires a High Priest-elect to pass an examination to demonstrate his ability to perform the work of the Capitular Degrees before he can be installed and it would be a wise act if many other jurisdictions would adopt a similar law.

The Annual Convocation of the Council of High Priests was held November 21. M.˙. E.˙. James F. Allen, President; R.˙. E.˙. John H. Miller, Secretary. Both reëlected. Twelve High Priests-elect were consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

*General Grand Chapter Triennial $3000, Liberty Loan Bonds $4000.

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The Report on Correspondence by Rev. Henry Branch, D.D., occupying fifty-one pages, is a synopsis of the proceedings of forty-eight Grand Chapters. Fraternal consideration of Massachusetts 1917 covers a full page. He says our electing officers for one year and obligating them for the term for which they have been elected, "suggests many a slip when the office is really vacant, in the failure of a newly elected officer to present himself for installation." Our reinstalling a reëlected officer, which is not done in his Grand Chapter, is what he refers to. The officers of the Grand Chapter of Maryland are elected *"for the ensuing term,"* which is one year; whether if reëlected to the same office the officer should be reinstalled depends, in my opinion, on the official obligation. If that is "for the term for which I have been elected," does not the obligation expire with the term? Massachusetts has had no trouble from "slips" or "lapses."

MINNESOTA 1918

FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL — ST. PAUL, OCTOBER 8

76 CHAPTERS — 10,438 MEMBERS — 158 GAIN

55 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, WILLIAM P. ROBERTS

Grand High Priest elected, GEORGE M. STOWE, Wadena

Grand Secretary, JOHN FISHEL, St. Paul

The Grand High Priest reported decisions that stated Convocations could not be held on other nights than those named in By-Laws, and that only a Past High Priest or the King or Scribe was eligible to serve as a proxy in Grand Chapter meetings. In Massachusetts a High Priest, King or Scribe may appoint as proxy any member of his Chapter.

He refused dispensation to change nights of stated Convocations where the regular nights came on Monday when by order of the Fuel Administration no fuel could be used,

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suggesting "that Companions bring lamps or lanterns and wear their overcoats while they disposed of bills and petitions."

The Grand High Priest issued two circular letters on the Americanization of Aliens, urging all Royal Arch Masons, as individuals, to take an active interest in influencing those who come here to make their homes and enjoy the blessings of our institutions, to become "full-fledged Americans," and that in giving employment preference should be given to those willing to become actual citizens. A good suggestion.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

October 10, 1917	Balance	$7,600.43
	Receipts	6,089.13
		$13,689.56
	Disbursements	6,691.65
October 4, 1918	Balance	$6,997.91
	Investments	15,000.00
	Assets	$21,997.91

The Report of the Special Committee to revise the Laws, Rules, Forms, etc., presented a report covering forty-five pages, containing a Constitution and General Regulations for the Grand Chapter and a uniform code of By-Laws for subordinate Chapters, which were unanimously approved by the Grand Chapter and will probably be adopted at the next annual convocation.

Section 1 of Article III of the Constitution says:

"This Grand Chapter is the only source of, and has supreme power and authority over Capitular Masonry in Minnesota, with all the attributes of sovereignty and government."

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If the proposed new Constitution of the General Grand Chapter is adopted at its next Triennial that section will be in direct opposition to it.

A list of Anointed High Priests is given but there is no record of an Assembly of the Order.

The "Foreign Correspondence," by R.·. E.·. Irving Todd, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, of fifty-two pages, is a condensed review of fifty-two Grand Chapters, Massachusetts 1917 receiving one page.

MISSISSIPPI 1919

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL — MERIDIAN, FEBRUARY 27

65 CHAPTERS — 4539 MEMBERS — 253 GAIN

51 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, JERE H. POWER

Grand High Priest elected, JOSEPH J. BROOKS, Dublin

Grand Secretary, FREDERIC G. SPEED, Vicksburg

In his address the Grand High Priest reported having "assisted in conferring two hundred and forty Chapter Degrees during the year," which seems somewhat strange to a Massachusetts Companion. He also reported the issue of dispensations for two new Chapters, one at Drew with ten members and one at Sand Hill with nine members. Both Chapters had difficulty in obtaining a quorum for a regular Convocation to ballot on applications for the degrees and special dispensations were given to ballot at Special Convocations. Both Chapters required assistance in conferring the degrees, yet both were granted Charters. It evidently is not at all unusual for Chapters in Mississippi to be unable to confer the degrees without assistance. The Grand Lecturer in his report names twenty-three Chapters that "can confer degrees in a satisfactory manner," ten that "can confer the degrees in some manner," and thirteen that "must have help to confer the de-

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grees." He then says: "About the ability of the remaining Chapters to do work I have no knowledge. . . . Most of them, however, I am satisfied would need help to do any work they attempted."

M.·. E.·. O. L. McKay presented a report of his attendance at the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter, in which he referred to the proposed new Constitution of that Body which, if adopted, would give it supreme authority over the State Grand Chapters. I am glad to learn that the M.·. E.·. Companion is opposed to the proposed change and hope his Grand Chapter feels the same way. I can assure him that the delegation from Massachusetts to the next Triennial will unanimously vote against the change.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

February 20, 1918	Balance	$7,246.39
	Receipts	10,058.30
		$17,304.69
	Disbursements	7,186.61
February 26, 1919	Balance	$10,118.08

A Convention of Anointed High Priests was held February 26, and nine Excellent Companions were regularly set apart to the Holy Order. M.·. E.·. John J. McIntosh, President; M.·. E.·. Oliver Lee McKay, Recorder.

The Tenth Report on Foreign Correspondence by M.·. E.·. Oliver Lee McKay of one hundred and fifteen pages is a careful review of forty-eight Grand Chapters. Some correspondents say there is but little in the printed proceedings of the different Grand Chapters that is interesting in other jurisdictions, but M.·. E.·. Companion McKay finds interesting matter in all the proceedings he receives and has a very pleasing manner of presenting it to his Companions. His fraternal consideration of Massachusetts 1917 occupies four pages.

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MICHIGAN 1919

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL — GRAND RAPIDS, MAY 20, 21
155 CHAPTERS — 27,760 MEMBERS — 919 GAIN
143 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, WALTER H. BOOTH
Grand High Priest elected, GEORGE W. LEEDLE, Marshall
Grand Secretary, CHARLES A. CONOVER, Coldwater

The Grand High Priest's address contains nothing especially interesting out of the Jurisdiction.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

May 22, 1918	Balance	$1,345.62
	Receipts	18,587.57
		$19,933.19
	Disbursements*	19,245.97
May 21, 1919	Balance	$687.22
	Assets named by Finance Committee	$22,600.76

The Grand Lecturer reported that owing to the epidemic of influenza he practically abandoned visitations during the fall and winter, but since January had traveled four thousand six hundred and fifty-six miles and visited one hundred and eight Chapters. He said, "The flood of applications coming into the Chapters has caused many of them to push their degree work through in a manner that has not made the best impression upon the candidates." I think the same condition exists in several other jurisdictions.

The Committee on Correspondence asked "that some definite action be taken at this meeting as to the advisability of continuing the preparation and publication of these reports in view of the present high cost of printing." The matter was referred to the Finance Committee, whose rec-

*Notes paid $2537.17, Savings Account $4000.

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ommendation "that the publication be discontinued" was adopted. For the same reason might not a very large part of the printed proceedings of every Grand Chapter be omitted as being of much less possible value than a good Correspondence Report? Companion Conover's reports have been interesting and instructive and I am sorry that they are to be discontinued.

Notice was given that an amendment to the constitution would be presented to provide for a change from the territorial jurisdiction of Chapters to state-wide jurisdiction. There are arguments in favor of the proposed change, but I believe an application for our degrees should be presented to a Chapter near the home of the applicant. His character and standing in the community are better known there than in a remote section of the State. If after receiving the degrees he wishes to be a member of another Chapter it is a simple thing to dimit and apply for membership in that other Chapter. Pennsylvania has a state-wide jurisdiction, so called; but as I understand it if a brother presents his application to any Chapter other than the one nearest his home that Chapter must write the home Chapter asking if there is any objection to its receiving the application. If an objection exists no action is taken. Apparently the home Chapter practically retains jurisdiction if it wishes to do so, but I think the objection must be made known within a certain time.

The Annual Review of Capitular Masonry by R.·. E.·. Charles A. Conover is a valuable addition to the proceedings of his Grand Chapter. I sincerely regret the action of that Grand Body in voting to discontinue the printing of his reviews, for I believe the information they contain is worth more than they cost. They give the members of the Chapters of his State a knowledge of the laws, customs and transactions of other jurisdictions which they cannot other-

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wise obtain; and the more they know about Capitular Masonry in other jurisdictions the more deeply interested they become in their own Grand Chapter, which is a very desirable result, the value of which cannot be stated in dollars and cents.

Eighteen pages from his "Scrap Book," every one of them worthy of reproduction, precede the reviews which cover one hundred and fifty pages with interesting matter. The fraternal consideration of Massachusetts 1918 occupies four pages and contains no unfavorable comment.

The absence of the President and Vice-President caused a postponement of the Convention of the Order of High Priesthood.

MISSOURI 1919

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL KANSAS CITY, APRIL 22, 23
109 CHAPTERS 17,775 MEMBERS 978 GAIN
87 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, THOMAS F. HURD
Grand High Priest elected, RAY V. DENSLOW, Trenton
Grand Secretary, ROBERT F. STEVENSON, St. Louis

The Grand High Priest's address is a business-like report of his administration referring to matters that are of local interest only. There were fifteen hundred and three exaltations during the year, "breaking all previous records," which may in a large measure have been the result of the condition described by the Grand High Priest as follows: "We have had the organized, earnest and persistent efforts of all Grand Officers and Past Grand High Priests, especially that of our Grand Lecturer." Such a combination would bring good results in any Grand Chapter.

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GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

April 11, 1918	Balance	$21,575.68
	Receipts	17,750.66
		$39,326.34
	Disbursements*	20,882.07
April 12, 1919	Balance	$18,444.27
	Liberty Loan Bonds	11,500.00
	Assets	$29,944.27

The Grand Lecturer's Report is interesting and shows him to be a faithful and devoted officer. He mentioned visits to three York Rite Festivals, joint gatherings of Chapters, Councils and Commanderies lasting three days, at which the degrees of each body were conferred, and says:

"After having had a part in these three Festivals of the York Rite Bodies I am of opinion that the value of coördination of effort by these bodies has been fully demonstrated and that the emphasis laid upon the interrelation of all degrees from Mark Master to Knight Templar inclusive by their successive presentation before a single gathering is a great stimulus to interest the entire Rite. I am more than convinced that joint meetings of this kind promotes healthy and vigorous growth and inspire the participants to better degree work."

A committee was appointed to consider and advise the Grand Chapter as to the proposed new Constitution of the General Grand Chapter and report findings at the next Annual Convocation. If the members of the committee feel as I feel about that proposed constitution, they will recommend that the representatives from Missouri be instructed to oppose its adoption.

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests was held April 22, and thirty Companions were consecrated

*$4000 invested in Liberty Bonds.

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and set apart to the Holy Order. M.·. E.·. David M. Wilson, President; M.·. E.·. Robert F. Stevenson, Recorder.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence of one hundred and twenty-six pages by Rev. John Henderson Miller is both able and interesting. In narrative form he places before his Companions an excellent synopsis of the transactions of other Grand Chapters. His review of Massachusetts 1918 covers two pages. He quotes from the address of our Grand High Priest in reference to the proposed Constitution for the General Grand Chapter and at the end of his report, under the title "Fruit of the Scissors," after referring to me in a manner far, far beyond what may be fairly said, he reproduces the part of the Conclusion of my Correspondence Report devoted to the same subject. I most sincerely hope that many other members of the General Grand Chapter feel as I feel about it and will express their feelings by their votes at the next Triennial of the General Grand Body.

NEBRASKA 1918

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL — OMAHA, DECEMBER 11, 12

53 CHAPTERS — 5754 MEMBERS — 250 GAIN

22 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, JOHN R. STINE

Grand High Priest elected, WILLIAM D. FUNK, Bloomfield

Grand Secretary, FRANCIS E. WHITE, Omaha

The Grand High Priest's address is practically of local interest only. He reported the loss by fire of the Charters of two Chapters and the Grand Chapter voted to issue new Charters, the Chapters to pay for them. A photographic copy for working purposes would have prevented the loss, as the original could then have been kept under fireproof protection and used only on official visitations or other important occasions.

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GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

December, 1917	Balance	$5,145.48
	Receipts	4,661.00
		$9,806.48
	Disbursements	4,785.60
December, 1918	Balance	$5,020.88
	Liberty Loan Bonds	5,000.00
	Assets	$10,020.88

The Grand Secretary, M.·. E.·. Francis E. White, has attended the Convocations of the Grand Chapter for forty-five years. His report shows a careful consideration of the welfare of the Grand Chapter and contains an interesting account of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence recognition of the new Grand Chapter of Queensland was postponed for additional information.

The forty-sixth Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held December 11. M.·. E.·. Samuel P. Davidson, President; M.·. E.·. Francis E. White, Recorder. Both reëlected.

Fifteen qualified Companions were set apart to the Holy Order.

In 1917 the Grand Chapter voted to discontinue publishing Correspondence Reports.

NEVADA 1918

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL — TONOPAH, JUNE 10, 11

11 CHAPTERS — 529 MEMBERS — 7 LOSS

9 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT

Grand High Priest presiding, ROBERT LEWERS

Grand High Priest elected, THOMAS LINDSAY, Tonopah

Grand Secretary, E. D. VANDERLIETH, Reno

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The Grand High Priest reported the surrender of the Charters of Virginia Chapter, No. 2, of Virginia City, and Austin Chapter, No. 3, of Austin, the resident membership in both Chapters having been reduced to the extent that no meetings could be held.

The transactions of this Grand Chapter present very little to attract the attention of a correspondent. No dispensations or decisions are reported.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

June 11, 1917	Balance	$1,231.89
	Receipts	1,075.26
		$2,307.15
	Disbursements	1,086.71
June 8, 1918	Balance	$1,220.44
	Liberty Bonds	250.00
	Assets	$1,470.44

No report of an assembly of the Order of High Priesthood.

The Correspondence Report of eighty-five pages is by the Grand Secretary, R.·. E.·. Edward D. Vanderlieth, and fully meets the anticipations formed in reading his former reports. He evidently carefully reads the printed proceedings of other jurisdictions and presents his findings in a very pleasant manner. His excerpts are exceptionally choice and their selection clearly indicates an appreciation of beautiful and appropriate expressions.

His fraternal review of Massachusetts 1917 occupies two and a half pages. It contains no mention of an objection to any of our transactions, which I feel sure would be there if they did not meet his approval.

That "distance lends enchantment to the view" is clearly demonstrated by his kind reference to me in the first paragraph of his review, but I shall not intentionally show its misapplication.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE 1919

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNUAL — CONCORD, MAY 20
26 CHAPTERS — 4692 MEMBERS — 63 GAIN
20 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, ALBERT R. JUNKINS
Grand High Priest elected, ARTHUR C. STEWART, Concord
Grand Secretary, HARRY M. CHENEY, Concord

The Grand High Priest's address contains but little of interest out of the Jurisdiction. He said, "Capitular Masonry in New Hampshire was never in so flourishing a condition." He reported the adoption of a new ritual by the General Grand Chapter and recommended its reference to the first four Grand Officers and the Grand Secretary with power to adopt or reject it at their discretion, which was adopted by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary presented a request for fraternal recognition from the Grand Chapter of Queensland, which was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence to report at the next Annual Convocation.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

May 14, 1918	Balance	$2,829.23
	Receipts	2,215.95
		$5,045.18
	Disbursements	1,982.07
May 20, 1919	Balance	$3,063.11

The Centennial Anniversary of the organization of the Grand Chapter was held at Concord June 10. The new Grand High Priest delivered an appropriate address, but the most interesting feature of the occasion was the excellent historical address by the Grand Secretary, R.·. E.·. Harry Morrison Cheney, covering twenty-five pages and containing much information relating to New Hampshire Masonry. Before the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire

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was formed at least one lodge in that State was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and there is evidence that the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts may have had some connection with the early Capitular Masonry of the State. Article 2, Section 9, of the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America (now the General Grand Chapter), given in the record of its meeting in Providence, January, 1799, is as follows:

> "Until there shall be a regular Grand Royal Arch Chapter established within the State of New Hampshire, the Grand Chapter of the State of Massachusetts shall have the sole power and privilege of granting warrants for the institution of Royal Arch Chapters, and Lodges of Most Excellent Masters, Past and Mark Master Masons throughout the said State."

The Grand Chapter of New York had the same "sole power and privilege" in Vermont.

Our early records are very incomplete and unsatisfactory and I know of nothing contained in them referring to Capitular Masonry in New Hampshire before the formation of its Grand Chapter; but from the quotation given it is evident that our own Grand Chapter had authority to Charter Chapters in New Hampshire until the formation of its Grand Chapter, unless that authority had been withdrawn by the General Grand Chapter.

The Annual Convocation of the Council of High Priesthood was held May 20 and twenty-three petitioners were solemnly consecrated in ancient form. Henry Lincoln Sanderson, President; Harry Morrison Cheney, Recorder.

The Foreign Correspondence Report of fifty-seven pages by E.·. Charles B. Spofford is a review of the forty-eight Grand Chapters. Its beginning is a history of similar reports in his Grand Chapter which apparently began in 1847. The first mention of a Correspondence Committee in Massachusetts is, I think, in 1854.

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NEW JERSEY 1919

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL — TRENTON, MAY 14
43 CHAPTERS — 9358 MEMBERS — 481 GAIN
40 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, ANDREW N. MACKINNON
Grand High Priest elected, RICHARD C. WOODWARD, Bordentown
Grand Secretary, PETER MCGILL, Bound Brook

From the list of officers the Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principle Sojourner, and Grand R.·. A.·. Captain, outrank the Grand Treasurer.

In his address the Grand High Priest said, "The Capitular year just closing has been a most prosperous and successful one; there have been large additions to our numbers, all good men and true, we believe; men whom we are glad to associate and to call them Companions."

Under "Waivers of Jurisdiction" he reported 17 to New York, 3 by New York; 11 to Pennsylvania and 5 by Pennsylvania. I believe the Grand Chapter of the latter State will confer the Chapter degrees only on members of Lodges in that State and therefore suppose the 11 granted to Pennsylvania were for such brothers.

As the Grand Jurisdiction of New York and Pennsylvania required visiting Companions to show Chapter membership cards, the Grand High Priest recommended that such cards be issued by the Grand Chapter of New Jersey. The Committee on Constitutions was "not in favor of this departure from our established customs, and recommended that it not be done." The Grand Chapter agreed with the Grand High Priest and adopted his recommendation. Our Grand Chapter issues a Traveling Certificate in a leather case which answers the same purpose, but I have often thought that cards might be better.

The Grand High Priest reported the issue of a dispensation to form a new Chapter in the Forest Hill section of

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Newark, to be known as Branch Brook Chapter, and the Chapter was given a Charter later in the session.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

May 15, 1918	Balance	$5,374.53
	Receipts*	5,237.29
		$10,611.82
	Disbursements*	6,519.91
May 14, 1919	Balance	$4,091.91
	Trustees	5,500.00
	Assets	$9,591.91

The Grand High Priest, in reporting attendance at the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter in Baltimore, mentioned the proposed new Constitution of that Grand Body as containing provisions for biennial in place of triennial convocations and the assumption of disciplinary authority over the State Grand Chapters. I excerpt from the "Report of Committee on Doings of Grand Officers":

"Your committee are strong in the belief that this Grand Chapter should set itself resolutely against the adoption of either of these propositions, the former of which has no higher purpose than to make more rapid the promotion of men into office, and the latter destroying the independence and individual sovereignty of each Grand Chapter and the restoration of an order of things abandoned years ago because found to be detrimental to the interests of Royal Craft Masonry and destructive of the harmony of its votaries."

The report was adopted and I can assure our New Jersey Companions that the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts will most earnestly oppose those and some other provisions of the proposed General Grand Constitution.

From a "Report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances" it appears that a subordinate Chapter has the right

*From report of Committee on Finance.

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of "appealing from the action of this Grand Chapter." In Massachusetts an appeal from an act of our Grand Chapter cannot be taken and it may be that the words "appealing from" used by the Committee should have been *objecting to.*

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests was held May 13, and thirty E.·. Companions were duly anointed. M.·. E.·. Henry S. Haines, President; M.·. E.·. Abram A. Reger, Recorder.

M.·. E.·. Henry S. Haines, G.·. H.·. P.·. 1884, commences his Report on Foreign Correspondence with these words:

"With pleasing anticipation we again turn aside from the harassing cares of busy life, to roam through ambrosial groves of Masonic literature and lore by the side of those whose companionship makes the path a pleasant one and gives promise of a fuller comprehension and higher enjoyment of the matters which present themselves to view."

The preparation of a Capitular Correspondence Report involves much more labor than is generally appreciated, but it also has a compensating enjoyment that cannot be understood unless one actually enters into the work with an earnest desire to gather from it that which will be a benefit to others, and in doing so one personally gains much more interesting Capitular information than can reasonably be included in an ordinary report.

M.·. E.·. Companion Haines writes a most excellent report, in interesting narrative form, containing much more information than could be included in many topical form reports combined. The report covers 183 pages. If I felt justified in doing so it would give me much pleasure to devote many pages to it, but both time and space now compel me to mention only the review of Massachusetts 1918.

He apparently misunderstands our opening exercises and says our Grand High Priest was "officially informed

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by the proclamation of another that he had reached the station allotted to him alone," which he thinks detracts from its dignity. For his information I will say our Grand High Priest is not informed that he is entering the hall, but by proclamation of the Grand Captain of the Host, the Companions present are informed of the entrance of the Grand High Priest and Grand Officers and the Companions rise and remain standing until seated by the Grand High Priest. I do not know the form of opening the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, but if, as in some Grand Bodies, the Grand High Priest and Grand Officers informally enter the hall, mingle with the Companions, joke and "jolly" with them until the time for opening arrives, I really think our form instead of detracting from, adds very much to the dignity of the Grand High Priest and the occasion. I do not understand what the M.·. E.·. Companion means when he says I am "not pleased with the parade with which the Grand Chapter [New Jersey] was opened, and will therefore not chide us for our comments." I find nothing in my 1918 report referring to the opening of his Grand Chapter, but I am glad he mentioned something in our Grand Chapter he thought he did not approve, and can assure him we are not over-sensitive, recognize and admit that we are not perfect in all our doings, and at all times welcome friendly criticisms that "we may see ourselves as others see us."

NEW YORK 1919

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL ALBANY, FEBRUARY 4, 5
212 CHAPTERS 44,491 MEMBERS 965 GAIN
208 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, J. WILLIAM PROUSE
Grand High Priest elected, PERCY W. WILLARD, New York
Grand Secretary, CHARLES C. HUNT, New York

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In receiving and welcoming the Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions the Grand High Priest said, "In reality you Representatives are the connecting links between our own Grand Chapter and the Grand Jurisdictions which you now represent." The Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts near the Grand Chapter of New York is the only one from whom we receive any communications.

The Grand High Priest reported the issue of a dispensation to form a new Charter at Ravena, and later in the session on recommendation of the Committee on Charters a Charter was granted it under the name of Ravena Chapter.

Three special dispensations were issued for Chapters to confer the first three Capitular Degrees in Lodge rooms presumably within the jurisdiction of the Chapters, which I am inclined to favor if the Chapter is not located within a convenient distance and several candidates can thereby be accommodated.

Consideration of the application for recognition and exchange of representatives from the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

In his mention of the proposed new constitution for the General Grand Chapter which will come before that Body at its next Triennial Convocation the Grand High Priest said:

> "If it [the General Grand Chapter] should now take upon itself the Special Committee referred to, it would open the door to frequent conflict of authority with consequent discord and probable disunion. The General Grand Chapter has already fulfilled its most important mission. If it wishes to continue its usefulness it should not attempt to usurp new powers and prerogatives, introducing discord and division where now only amity and friendship prevail."

the power to admonish and instruct Grand Chapters as proposed by

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It is very pleasing to me that he expresses his opinion so freely and that it so completely agrees with my own and that which I have reason to believe is held by our own Grand Chapter.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

February 1918	Balance	$48,542.87
	Receipts	30,256.87
		$78,799.74
	Disbursements	23,741.65
February 1919	Balance	$55,058.09
	Government Bonds . . .	100,000.00
	Assets	$155,058.09

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented an amendment to the Constitution providing for the appointment of a standing Committee on Jurisdiction with "authority to determine questions of jurisdiction where the straight line rule of determining questions of jurisdiction is inconsistent with the convenient lines of travel between Chapters, and to establish and fix jurisdictional lines," and the decision of the Committee is to be final. The amendment received the required vote and final action will be taken at the next Annual Convocation. Much can be said in favor of it.

A resolution was unanimously adopted requiring all Chapter business, records and ritualistic work to be in the English language. A good action.

The Grand Chaplain delivered a fine address on "The Sprig of Acacia." Companions wishing to read it can find it in our library.

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests convened in New York City January 31, and forty-six Companions were set apart to the office of High Priest. A Convention

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was also held in Albany, February 4, when one hundred and nine Companions were duly consecrated and set apart to the Order.

The Council of Anointed High Priests in this Jurisdiction is an adjunct to the Grand Chapter and is presided over by the Grand High Priest or Deputy Grand High Priest. The Grand High Priest can by dispensation authorize conferring the Order and I presume the same power rests with the Deputy Grand High Priest. A High Priest cannot preside over his Chapter until he has received the Order of High Priesthood, which is not required in Massachusetts.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence by M.·. E.·. George A. Newell, the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, is a concise review of fifty-five Grand Chapters. He expressed "a great degree of hesitancy" in following the late M.·. E.·. Marvin I. Greenwood in this field of Masonic labor, but his report indicates an ability that does not justify it. I know he will find the work interesting, instructive and pleasant and extend a cordial greeting to him.

NORTH CAROLINA 1918

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL — SOUTHERN PINES, MAY 7, 8

51 CHAPTERS — 4485 MEMBERS — 298 GAIN

31 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, O. W. SPENCER

Grand High Priest elected, JOSEPH F. RHEM, Newbern

Grand Secretary, JOHN B. GRIGGS, Elizabeth City

The address of the Grand High Priest was short and contained very little of interest in other jurisdictions. He continued the "Triangle Meetings," inaugurated by his immediate predecessor, issued dispensations to four Chapters to ballot on petitions "without waiting constitutional time,"

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reported the surrender of the Charter of Thomasville Chapter and the receipt of applications for dispensations to form new Chapters at Scotland Neck and Troy, which he was obliged to refuse as they came to him within sixty days of the meeting of the Grand Chapter.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

May 15, 1917	Balance	$4,727.53
	Receipts	3,855.23
		$8,582.76
	Disbursements	3,639.79
May 7, 1918	Balance	$4,942.97
	Permanent Fund	1,426.59
	Bonds	2,500.00
	Triennial Fund	526.02
	Assets	$9,395.58

The Grand Priest addressed the Grand Chapter on the purpose of the Ashler Club of Washington, D. C., to erect Masonic club-houses and huts in France, and presented a resolution for the appropriation of $200 for membership in the organization, and that each Royal Arch Mason be given the opportunity to pay $1.00 and be enrolled as a member, which was unanimously adopted. Eighty-four dollars was collected from Companions present and twenty-three Chapters pledged $900.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood assembled May 7 and the Order was conferred on nineteen Companions. R.·. E.·. John J. Phœnix, President; E.·. W. L. Crawford, Recorder.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence of fifty-seven pages is the first given by E.·. W. B. McKoy. In a pleasant and interesting manner twenty-five Grand Chapters received fraternal consideration, that of Massachusetts 1917

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covering one and a half pages. He is an easy writer and his excerpts show discrimination and good taste. To the fraternal greeting I am sure he will receive from other correspondents I am glad to add my own, with the hope that I may have the pleasure of reading many more of his Correspondence Reports.

NORTH DAKOTA 1919

THIRTIETH ANNUAL — GRAND FORKS, JUNE 18, 19

24 CHAPTERS — 3271 MEMBERS — 138 GAIN

24 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, G. ROY RINGO

Grand High Priest elected, A. M. CHRISTIANSON, Bismark

Grand Secretary, WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Fargo

In his address the Grand High Priest advocated the approval of the proposed new constitution of the General Grand Chapter and adoption of its new ritual. On recommendation of a committee the ritual was adopted, and on motion the Deputy Grand High Priest was requested "to brief up the new constitution and submit the same to the various Chapters."

The Grand High Priest issued many dispensations to confer degrees "where candidates were leaving on the call of duty" and in one instance for "communicating the work." The Jurisprudence Committee in approving the last one as a "war emergency dispensation" expressed the hope that it would not "act as a precedent."

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

June 18, 1918	Balance	$8,176.40
	Receipts	3,528.03
		$11,704.43
	Disbursements*	3,989.62
June 18, 1919	Balance	$7,714.81

*Purchase of Liberty Bond $1000.

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On motion of the Grand Secretary the application of the Supreme Grand Chapter R.·. A.·. M.·. of Queensland for recognition was granted. It is the first favorable action on that application by a Grand Chapter in the United States I have seen.

A resolution was adopted changing the date of the Annual Convocation from June to January.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood met June 19 under great bereavement from the death of its President, M.·. E.·. Sylvester J. Hill, G.·. H.·. P.·. 1894-95, who for thirty years took an active, earnest and devoted interest in Capitular Masonry. Eleven Companions were "duly elected and received into membership." M.·. E.·. E. George Guthrie, President; M.·. E.·. Francis Ingalls, Recorder.

The Report of the Fraternal Correspondence is the fifth by M.·. E.·. E. George Guthrie, an able and interesting writer. In reading the report I find that I agree with many of his opinions. Massachusetts unfortunately is not included in his reviews.

NOVA SCOTIA 1918

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL — HALIFAX, JUNE 11

17 CHAPTERS — 1688 MEMBERS — 74 GAIN

12 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, JOSEPH R. BENNETT

Grand High Priest elected, WM. A. ELLIS, St. Johns, Newfoundland

Grand Secretary, S. J. WADDELL, Truro

The Grand High Priest reported visits to ten Chapters. Severe snow blockades and pressure of business incident to the enormous steamship arrivals prevented his visiting the other Chapters.

One hundred and fifty-six Companions, nearly ten per cent of the entire membership of the Jurisdiction, were re-

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ported in "active service in defense of the Flag and Empire," but not a single dispensation to shorten the time in receiving applications or conferring degrees is mentioned.

The business of this Grand Chapter is largely attended to by a Board of General Purposes, which appoints committees, approves bills and generally cares for the interests of the Grand Body, subject to its approval, which I think is always given.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

June 8, 1917	Balance	$2,815.28
	Receipts	1,278.28
		$4,093.56
	Disbursements*	2,580.17
June 10, 1918	Balance	$1,513.39

On account of the impaired health of M.·. E.·. S. J. Waddell, the Grand Secretary, E.·. Brenton F. Porter was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary.

The Convention of Anointed High Priests was held June 11 and the Order of High Priesthood conferred on seven eligible Companions. M.·. E.·. Malcom McF. Hall, President; M.·. E.·. Samuel J. Waddell, Recorder.

The Report of Foreign Correspondence is almost entirely by one member of the committee, M.·. E.·. Donald F. Fraser, and the Assistant Grand Secretary, E.·. Brenton F. Porter. Protracted illness prevented M.·. E.·. S. J. Waddell, the chairman of the Committee, from performing his customary part of the work. I hope he has fully recovered his health.

Under Alabama to Kansas "F" in topical form covers six and a half pages, two pages being an excerpt from the report of E.·. Companion Fulkerson of the District of Co-

*Patriotic Fund $400, Y.M.C.A. $400, Red Cross $200.

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lumbia. "F" is an able and interesting writer, capable of writing a valuable report, but *in topical form* neither he or any one else can give the information regarding the transactions, laws and customs of other Grand Bodies that can be given in the ordinary individual reviews. From Kansas the remaining Grand Chapters are reviewed in the usual manner by "B. F. P.," from which one may gather some information about each Grand Chapter mentioned. He also is an interesting writer and the combined report affords an excellent opportunity for one to judge the relative merits of the two forms as disseminators of Capitular information.

NOVA SCOTIA 1919

FIFTIETH ANNUAL — NEW GLASGOW, JUNE 10

17 CHAPTERS — 1809 MEMBERS — 121 GAIN

14 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT

Grand High Priest presiding, WILLIAM A. ELLIS

Grand High Priest elected, JOHN C. MACKAY, Sydney

Grand Secretary, BRENTON F. PORTER, Truro

The first paragraph of the Grand High Priest's address is as follows:

COMPANIONS:—In welcoming you to this Grand Convocation, the auspicious occasion of the Golden Jubilee or Fiftieth Anniversary of this Grand Chapter, with Jurisdiction over Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, I do so with all reverence and humility to the GREAT I AM for his unbounded goodness to us during those fifty years, and ask you to bow with me, and unite in offering up praise and thanksgiving to His Most Holy Name for the loving kindness and great mercies that we have received at his hands, and request his protection and blessing on all our undertakings.

He made twenty-five visitations which required traveling 4500 miles, 1500 being by water. A dispensation was reported to form a new Chapter, Victory Chapter, at North Sidney, N. S., which was granted a Charter at this Convocation.

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Four Chapters in the jurisdiction do not hold Convocations during three summer months which the Grand High Priest did not approve and recommended a change in their By-Laws to provide for monthly Convocations throughout the year, as he thought it took two months more before they could "settle properly down to work." It is customary for nearly all the Chapters in Massachusetts to omit the July and August Convocations but none of them omit three Convocations. The two omissions seriously affect the work of the following month and I think the Grand High Priest's objection to so long a "vacation" is justified. The temperature with us and the absence of so many companions (some of them going to Nova Scotia to find more comfortable climatic conditions) make it advisable for our Chapters to suspend work during the months named, but I did not suppose the same conditions prevailed in Nova Scotia.

The Grand High Priest urged every officer to make himself proficient in the work of each degree. I wish it were possible to require of every Companion elected or appointed to any office a satisfactory demonstration of his ability to properly perform all the duties of his office before installation.

This Grand Chapter transacts much of its business through a Board of General Purposes and I am inclined to favor that custom where Grand Chapters have but one Convocation each year.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance and Receipts . . .	$2,834.27
Disbursements	1,621.25
Balance	$1,213.02

Two hundred dollars was donated to the Endowment Fund of the Masonic Home at Windsor, N. S.

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The Grand Chapter mourns the death of M.˙. E.˙. Samuel J. Waddell, G.˙. H.˙. P.˙., 1903 and Grand Secretary from 1906 until his death. For many years he was a member of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and presented reports of a very high quality.

At the Annual Convention of Anointed High Priests twelve qualified Companions received the Order of High Priesthood. M.˙. E.˙. Joseph R. Bennett, President; R.˙. E.˙. Brenton F. Porter, Recorder.

R.˙. E.˙. Brenton F. Porter, the Grand Secretary, in his Report of Foreign Correspondence, says it is presented "in order that you may obtain a general knowledge of the methods, plans, progress and discouragements of other Grand Jurisdictions," a concise and correct expression of my opinion of the object of these reports which I think should be more widely distributed than they are in Grand Chapters where they appear only in the printed Proceedings. He gave an excellent report, three pages being given to the review of Massachusetts 1918.

OHIO 1918

ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND ANNUAL CLEVELAND, OCTOBER 9, 10
190 CHAPTERS 47,693 MEMBERS 3103 GAIN
167 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, JOHN H. BAEHR
Grand High Priest elected, HARRY W. LLOYD, Toledo
Grand Secretary, EDWIN HAGENBUCH, Urbana

The Grand High Priest reported the constitution of two Chapters, Heights Chapter, No. 206, at Cleveland Heights, and King Cyrus Chapter, No. 207, at Loudonville, and the issue of a dispensation to form a new Chapter to be known as Fort Industry Chapter at Toledo.

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While the address of the Grand High Priest, with appendixes, covers forty-nine pages, it contains very little that is not purely of local interest.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

October 1, 1917	Balance	$31,919.37
	Receipts*	30,409.00
		$62,328.37
	Disbursements†	28,475.68
October 7, 1918	Balance	$33,852.69

After the session of the first day the delegates to the Convocation and their ladies were taken in automobiles to the graves of three Past Grand High Priests on each of which a wreath of Immortelles was placed and appropriate memorial services given. This beautiful, appropriate and feeling tribute of love and appreciation is very commendable and worthy of imitation when possible.

The Committee appointed in 1916 to arrange for the acquisition of the house of John Snow, the third Grand High Priest, in which the first meeting of the Grand Chapter was held, reported that the present owner, a great-granddaughter of M.·. E.·. Companion Snow, would transfer it by deed to the Grand Chapter on condition that she be allowed to occupy it during her lifetime without expense for taxes, insurance, or repairs, and a motion to authorize taking the title was unanimously adopted.

An evidence that Massachusetts is not the only jurisdiction suffering from the present "H.C.L." is found in the unanimous adoption of an amendment of the By-Laws raising the *per diem* of representatives from $3.00 to $4.00 and the mileage from three cents to five cents both ways.

*Masonic Home per capita tax $11,025.25.

†Paid Masonic Home $17,454.25.

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The Twelfth Annual Reunion of Most Illustrious Grand Masters and Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests of Ohio was held at Hotel Hollenden, Cleveland, October 8, and I have no doubt Cryptic and Capitular Masonry were benefited by it.

The Annual Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood was held in the Masonic Temple, Cleveland, October 9. M.·. E.·. Nelson Williams, President; R.·. E.·. Edwin Hagenbuch, Recorder. Both reëlected. Ninety Companions were consecrated and set apart in due and ample form.

The Tenth Report on Foreign Correspondence by M.·. E.·. Companion Orion P. Sperra of one hundred and twenty-one pages is a review of fifty-five Grand Bodies. Massachusetts 1917 occupies nearly four pages, much of it being excerpts from addresses of our Grand High Priest, which apparently have his approval. M.·. E.·. Companion Sperra and I agree in many things included in his report.

OKLAHOMA 1919

THIRTIETH ANNUAL — McALESTER, APRIL 15, 16

71 CHAPTERS — 6784 MEMBERS — 428 GAIN

42 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, JABEZ H. MANN

Grand High Priest elected, JOHN ANGUS GILLIS, Frederick

Grand Secretary, JAMES A. SCOTT, Muskogee

The welcoming exercises of Union Chapter of McAlester are very interesting and the excellent response by the High Priest of Muskogee Chapter, Charles E. Creager, is worthy especial mention because of its fine quality.

In his address the Grand High Priest reported the surrender of the charter of Foraker Chapter, No. 65, of which he says, "situated in the Osage Nation, a restricted district, which prevents a white man from locating there except under certain conditions, its growth was problematical."

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He issued a dispensation to form a new Chapter at Paul's Valley, which on recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations received a Charter as Paul's Valley Chapter, No. 82, and authorized the consolidation of Caddo Chapter with Oklahoma Chapter, No. 2, and Rabboni Chapter with Alfalfa Chapter, No. 66.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

March 31, 1918	Balance	$3,902.46
	Receipts	6,178.76
		$10,081.22
	Disbursements	3,934.27
April 7, 1919	Balance	$6,146.95
	U. S. Bonds	1,000.00
	Triennial Fund	322.38
	War Relief Fund	2,402.50
	Assets	$9,871.83

Recognition of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland was deemed inadvisable.

A resolution was adopted requiring each subordinate Chapter to hold at least one school of instruction, conducted by the Grand Lecturer or a duly appointed Companion each year.

A Council of Anointed High Priests met April 15 and eighteen Companions were set apart to the Holy Order. M.·. E.·. Isham G. H. Hulme, President; M.·. E.·. James A. Scott, Recorder.

The Report on Correspondence, of eighty pages, is the first written by Companion William Noble, a Past High Priest of Indian Chapter, No. 1, of McAlester. He says he was not an applicant for the appointment and not a candidate for reappointment. Capable and desirable Com-

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panions need not be applicants for Capitular office, it will surely come to them. The Excellent Companion's report clearly shows him to be a capable and desirable Companion for the position and demonstrates the wisdom of his appointment. He is an interesting writer and I hope to have the pleasure of reading many more of his reports. His fraternal review of Massachusetts 1918 covers nearly two pages without comment. I want to say to him that our Grand Chapter welcomes friendly criticism of our doings and will carefully consider suggested improvements.

OREGON 1919

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL — PORTLAND, JUNE 9

37 CHAPTERS — 4499 MEMBERS — 120 GAIN

31 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT

Grand High Priest presiding, MAX BOLLACK

Grand High Priest elected, J. H. RICHMOND, Portland

Grand Secretary, JAMES F. ROBINSON, Portland

This Grand Chapter is the only Grand Body recognizing the supreme authority of the General Grand Chapter, therefore the adoption of the proposed new General Grand Constitution will undoubtedly receive its full support at the next Triennial of the General Grand Body, but as that Body by its constitution disclaims such authority over a Grand Chapter I cannot see how it can legally be accepted. Under the proposed constitution it would exist, but in my opinion, that proposed constitution, so far as it affects the sovereignty and independence of the State Grand Chapters, will be rejected.

In his address the Grand High Priest reported a decision that a brother Master Mason who had lost his left arm, "but who used an artificial arm with great efficiency" was

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not eligible to receive the Capitular degrees, but I was glad to see that the Committee on Jurisprudence took the opposite view of the matter and received the approval of the Grand Chapter in the adoption of their report.

The institution of two new Chapters was reported, Damascus Chapter, No. 40, at Hermiston, and Cottage Grove Chapter, No. 41, at Cottage Grove.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

June 10, 1918	Balance	$4,477.82
	Receipts	3,339.79
		$7,817.61
	Disbursements	4,690.39
June 7, 1919	Balance	$3,127.22
	Investments	16,600.00
	Total	$19,727.22

The Grand Orator, E.·. W. H. Hollis, delivered an interesting address covering four pages on the duties of Masons in the present disturbed condition of our country.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood met June 9, and fifteen High Priests were consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

M.·. E.·. O. O. Hodson, President; M.·. E.·. James F. Robinson, Recorder.

A prolonged illness and an unprecedented volume of business devolving upon him, in a State Department, on account of war conditions, prevented the Committee on Correspondence, M.·. E.·. A. H. Steiner, from preparing and presenting a report.

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PENNSYLVANIA 1918

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL PHILADELPHIA, DEC. 27
145 CHAPTERS 40,260 MEMBERS 1801 GAIN
36 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS NOT REPRESENTED*
Grand High Priest presiding, THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.
Grand High Priest elected, DAVID J. DAVIS, Scranton
Grand Secretary, GEORGE B. WELLS, Philadelphia

In addition to the Regular Quarterly Communications an Emergency Communication of the Grand Chapter was held November 16, at which the Mark, Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees were conferred at sight on Thomas McConnell, 3d, a Past Master by dispensation and a son of the Grand High Priest, who while under age was made a Mason in the presence of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. The candidate was twenty-one years, two months and twenty-seven days old at the date of this communication. He had enlisted in the Navy and the possibility of his going away was the reason for his rapid advance in Masonry. I think the son of another Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania was made a Royal Arch Mason "on sight" a few years ago.

At the Annual Communication the Grand Secretary reported that "General Returns had been received from fifty-one Chapters and Mark Lodges," which I fail to understand, as pages 185 to 188, inclusive are devoted to "Statistics from General Returns" from one hundred and forty-five Chapters.

In the address of the Grand High Priest under "Decisions" I find the following all of them different from rulings that would be made in Massachusetts.

*Massachusetts was represented at the Quarterly of December 5.

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A petition for degrees and membership may be withdrawn with the consent of a majority of the members of the Chapter present any time within four months after a favorable report thereon or any time within six months after a favorable ballot.

Objection to a brother receiving the degrees must be filed with the Grand Secretary with the name and address of the objector. If the brother objected to petitions for the degrees the High Priest of the Chapter petitioned is informed of the objection and given the address of the Companion who made the objection, which is given to the investigating committee. That committee will give an opportunity for the objector to sustain his objection. If the committee consider it a valid Masonic objection their report would be unfavorable, but if it was not considered a valid Masonic objection the report would be favorable.

The failure of a committee to investigate the character of a petitioner to present a report within four months is equivalent to an unfavorable report and a rejection of the application.

The Constitution of this Grand Chapter forbids conferring the Royal Arch Degree on a brother in less than four weeks from the time he received the Mark Degree. The Grand High Priest reported twenty-seven dispensations to confer the degree on brothers in the Military or Naval service without waiting the four weeks.

The Grand High Priest mentions "one Chapter having over three hundred petitions presented at a single stated meeting and a total of more than seven hundred during the year." On reference to the statistical table I find the Chapter to be the University Chapter of Philadelphia, which gained over sixty percent in membership during the year and has doubled its membership in two years, the

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membership in 1916 being 935 and in 1918, 1865. It had over one-quarter of the candidates of the entire State during the year.

The Correspondence Report of ninety-six pages was, as is customary, written by five Companions, all careful reviewers. It contains no review of Massachusetts. Our proceedings were mailed the last of February and certainly have reached the committee early in March.

RHODE ISLAND 1918

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH ANNUAL PROVIDENCE, MARCH 12
11 CHAPTERS 5236 MEMBERS 252 GAIN
11 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest, CHARLES T. GLINES
Grand High Priest elected, WILBUR A. SCOTT, Providence
Grand Secretary, WILLIAM R. GREENE, Providence

The Grand High Priest, Major Charles T. Glines, being unable to be present on account of official duties in the War Department in Washington, the Grand Chapter was opened by the Deputy Grand High Priest.

In his address the Grand High Priest reported having unofficially visited all but one of the chapters in the State. He found two Chapters where "changed conditions in population" had on some occasions made it difficult to obtain the presence of a sufficient number of Companions to open the Chapter and suggested that the best interest of Capitular Masonry would be served by the Chapters uniting with adjoining Chapters.

This jurisdiction has one very large Chapter, Providence Chapter, No. 1, with a membership of over forty-five per cent of the entire Capitular membership of the State.

The Grand High Priest reported the issue of a dispensation to form a new Chapter at Wakefield.

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GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

March, 1917	Balance	$9,332.02
	Receipts	2,133.03
		$11,465.05
	Disbursements	1,556.12
March, 1918	Balance	$9,908.93
	34 Shares Freemasons Hall Co.	1,700.00
	Assets	$11,608.93

The Annual Meeting of the Convention of Anointed High Priests was held March 12, the only business recorded being the election of a Past High Priest to receive the Order of High Priesthood and the election of officers. M.·. E.·. William H. Scott, President; M.·. E.·. S. Penrose Williams, Recorder.

No Correspondence Report.

RHODE ISLAND 1919

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL PROVIDENCE, MARCH 11
11 CHAPTERS 5381 MEMBERS 145 GAIN
10 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, WILBUR A. SCOTT
Grand High Priest elected, JOSEPH LAWTON, Providence
Grand Secretary, WILLIAM R. GREENE, Providence

The Grand High Priest's address is a comprehensive business-like review of his administration. He called attention to the fact that nearly nine per cent of the membership of the jurisdiction had enrolled in the armed forces of the United States and reported having made twenty-three visits to the subordinate Chapters.

He gave an interesting account of the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter and called especial attention to the proposed new constitution for that body,

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recommending the appointment of a committee to carefully consider it and present a report at the next Annual Convocation. The George Washington Memorial Association received his indorsement and the suggestion that the Grand Chapter make an additional appropriation of $150 for the purpose of the Association.

Dispensations were reported to form three new Chapters, Unity Chapter at Wakefield, Liberty Chapter at Riverside and Gibbs Chapter at East Providence. Later in the session a charter was granted Unity Chapter and the two other dispensations were continued.

A standing Order was adopted providing for an Assistant Grand Secretary to relieve the Grand Secretary, who has continuously served the Grand Chapter for forty-two years, of some of the details of the growing duties of his office.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

March 11, 1919	Balance reported	$10,831.06
	Investments	1,700.00
	Assets	$12,531.06

There are errors in the printed figures of the receipts of both the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, therefore I simply give the balance reported by the Grand Treasurer in place of my usual form.

A convention of Anointed High Priests was held March 11, the only business being the election of officers and appointment of a committee to ascertain the proper form of apron to be worn in a Convention of Anointed High Priests. M.·. E.·. William H. Scott, President; M.·. E.·. S. Penrose Williams, Recorder.

M.·. E.·. S. Penrose Williams, who has written the Foreign Correspondence Reports since 1910, was at his request

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relieved from the duty and M.·. E.·. Wilbur A. Scott appointed in his place. I am quite sure he will give a fine report next year.

SOUTH CAROLINA 1919

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ANNUAL — GREENVILLE, APRIL 8
36 CHAPTERS — 3770 MEMBERS — 306 GAIN
28 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, WILLIAM A. GILES
Grand High Priest elected, SAMUEL T. LANHAM, Spartanburg
Grand Secretary, O. FRANK HART, Columbia

In December the Grand High Priest accepted a position in Alabama and left the jurisdiction and thereafter the duties of his office were performed by the Deputy Grand High Priest.

Latta Chapter, No. 52, at Latta, was duly constituted and dispensations were issued to form Saluda Chapter at Saluda and William Plumer Chapter at Clinton and on recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations both were granted Charters.

In 1914 a dispensation was issued to form a Chapter at Fort Mill, J. B. Mack Chapter. The dispensation was continued in 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918. The Chapter found it impossible to continue and decided not to ask for another renewal of the dispensation. Its records and property were surrendered to the Grand Chapter.

Twenty-six dispensations of the "railroading" character were reported, six being to work the four degrees at one Convocation and nine were issued since the armistice was signed.

After mentioning the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter the Grand High Priest recommended the appointment of a special committee to carefully study the proposed General Grand Constitution and report at

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the next Annual Convocation, that the Grand Chapter "may intelligently instruct its Delegates how to vote upon the adoption of the same." If that committee is interested in knowing the opinion of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts on that subject it will find that opinion partially expressed in the conclusion of my 1918 report.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

April 3, 1918	Balance	$3,837.28
	Receipts*	10,133.08
		$13,970.36
	Disbursements†	8,283.06
April 4, 1919	Balance	$5,687.30
	Investment	3,500.00
	Assets	$9,187.30

Following "a full and free discussion" the adoption of the new ritual of the General Grand Chapter was referred to a special committee. After considering the matter the committee recommended the adoption of that ritual, and a resolution was adopted making it the ritual of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.

The twenty-fourth Annual Convention of Anointed High Priests was held April 9, at Greenville, and twelve Companions were consecrated to the Holy Order. M.·. E.·. James L. Michie, President; R.·. E.·. O. Frank Hart, Recorder.

The "Review of Proceedings," by M.·. E.·. James L. Michie, like his preceding Capitular reviews, is interesting, but unfortunately our 1918 Proceedings did not reach him in season to be included in it. I hope it will receive his attention next year. I particularly want to know if,

*$3500 payment of mortgage loan.

†$3500 investment.

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after my references to the records of the Grand Lodge of England, he still claims that Solomon's Lodge of Charleston is recognized by that Grand Lodge as older than St. John's Lodge of Boston.

SOUTH DAKOTA 1919

THIRTIETH ANNUAL — SIOUX CITY, JUNE 12

36 CHAPTERS — 4310 MEMBERS — 188 GAIN

29 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, WILLIAM A. MORRIS

Grand High Priest elected, FREDERICK TREON, Chamberlain

Grand Secretary, GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Sioux Falls

The Grand High Priest gave a fine patriotic address, too long to copy and excerpts would not be satisfactory.

The Grand Secretary reported the issue of a dispensation to form a new Chapter, Standing Rock Chapter, at McIntosh, and the consolidation of Dakota Chapter, No. 3, and Bell Chapter, No. 35, under the former name.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

June 13, 1918	Balance	$4,436.48
	Receipts	3,377.80
		$7,814.28
	Disbursements	4,110.37
June 12, 1919	Balance	$3,703.91

The Committee on Rituals report:

"The action of this Grand Body last year in penalizing Subordinate Chapters who through carelessness have lost their Rituals has had the desired effect. There are no Rituals reported missing at this time."

It would in my opinion be wise for every Grand Chapter using printed rituals to adopt the same plan.

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This Grand Chapter requires the reading of the Grand Chapter Proceedings at a Regular Convocation of each subordinate Chapter, which I consider a good idea as so few Companions receive them.

The Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held June 12, and nine candidates were consecrated in Ample Form. M.·. E.·. Benjamin F. Ives, President; M.·. E.·. George A. Pettigrew, Secretary.

M.·. E.·. Louis G. Leroy presented a review of forty-nine Grand Chapters covering fifty-nine pages, Massachusetts 1918 receiving a full page with no unfavorable comment.

TENNESSEE 1919

NINETEENTH ANNUAL — NASHVILLE, JANUARY 27, 28
86 CHAPTERS — 6181 MEMBERS — 174 GAIN
76 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, J. H. SWAN
Grand High Priest elected, J. A. FOWLER, Memphis
Grand Secretary, STITH M. CAIN, Nashville

The Grand High Priest reported the issue of a dispensation for a new Chapter, Driscoll Chapter at Strawberry Plains, which was granted a Charter later in the session. From the "Abstract of Returns" it appears that nine Companions applied for the dispensation and one of them died, leaving but eight Companions December 31, 1918. But five of the Chapters in this jurisdiction have a membership of over two hundred and forty-two of them have less than fifty members.

The Grand High Priest and his predecessor had endeavored to find three Grand Lecturers, one for each division of the State, and had failed. He therefore recommended the appointment of one Grand Lecturer for the whole State with a salary that would enable him to devote his entire time to the work. On recommendation of the Com-

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mittee on Ways and Means the suggestion was adopted and the salary made twenty-four hundred dollars, and actual expenses. M.·. E.·. James H. McClister, a companion who is apparently well qualified for the position, was appointed Grand Lecturer, and I hope Capitular Masonry in Tennessee will receive much benefit from the appointment.

One decision attracts attention: *Question:* "Can you vote on sixteen candidates at one time?" *Answer:* "It is proper to do so," and the answer was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and the Grand Chapter. If that means that a ballot may be taken on more than one candidate at the same time, the answer is just the opposite to that which would be given in Massachusetts and to that which should be given in every Grand Chapter.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

1918	Balance	$15,233.56
	Receipts	7,129.81
		$22,363.37
	Disbursements	15,262.40
1919	Balance	$7,100.97
	Liberty Bonds	5,000.00
	Assets	$13,100.97

The fifty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood was held January 28, when twenty-four Companions were consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order. E.·. J. B. Nicklin was elected President and E.·. Aaron Bergeda, Recorder.

The interesting Report on Correspondence by M.·. E.·. J. H. McClister, the Grand Lecturer, is a careful summary of the proceedings of fifty-two Grand Chapters. Consideration of Massachusetts 1917 covers two pages without unfavorable comment. From the reviews of other Jurisdic-

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tions I am led to believe that the M.·. E.·. Companion would not hesitate to express his objections to our proceedings if he had reason for doing so. Generally I agree with his opinions expressed in the report.

TEXAS 1918

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL — WACO, DECEMBER 2, 3

285 CHAPTERS — 25,464 MEMBERS — 2195 GAIN

99 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT

Grand High Priest presiding, O. M. LONGNECKER

Grand High Priest elected, B. K. HAWKINS

Grand Secretary, T. M. BARTLEY, Waco

The decisions reported in the Grand High Priest's address relating to conferring Chapter degrees on soldiers or sailors temporarily stationed in jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter correspond with the regulations of our Grand Chapter.

He reported the constitution of six Chapters: Merkel Chapter at Merkel, Grapevine Chapter at Grapevine, South Side Chapter at Fort Worth, Lockney Chapter at Lockney, Roby Chapter at Roby, and San Antonio Chapter at San Antonio, and the issue of a dispensation for a new Chapter at Tampico, Mexico.

The Committee on the Address considered the issue of the dispensation to form a Chapter in Mexico, a prerogative of the Grand High Priest, but was "most earnestly of the opinion that the activities of our Grand Chapter in the organization of subordinate bodies should not extend beyond the borders of the state of Texas," and my opinion strongly coincides with that expressed by the committee, but the Committee on Chapters U. D. recommended "that a Charter be granted Tampico Chapter, Tampico, Republic of Mexico," and I suppose the recommendation was adopted, although the record does not so state.

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During the absence of the Grand High Priest from the State the Deputy Grand High Priest issued a dispensation to form a new Chapter at Pampa, to be known as Pampa Chapter.

The "Committee No. 2 on Petitions" reported the receipt of a petition for a Charter for a Chapter at Newcastle with the recommendation that it be granted. Apparently the Chapter received its Charter without working under dispensation. It also recommended Charters for Arlington Chapter, U.D., and Pampa Chapter, U.D.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

November, 28, 1917	Balance	$22,780.33
	Receipts	25,293.73
		$48,074.06
	Disbursements	22,662.61
December 2, 1918	Balance	$25,411.45

From the report of the Finance Committee the Grand Secretary collected $54,430.91. His disbursements were:

Grand Treasurer	$25,293.73
Treasurer Masonic Home	29,137.18
	$54,430.91

This Capitular membership in Texas is a little smaller than that membership in Massachusetts, yet the Companions in Texas contribute to their Grand Chapter several times the amount collected by the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

In another way Texas has an advantage financially over Massachusetts. Texas receives four and a half percent interest on its daily bank balance with a guaranty company's bond guaranteeing the deposit and interest, while Massachusetts must be content with two and a half percent with no guaranty.

The Grand Chapter is raising an Endowment Fund of "at least $100,000''' for its Aged Masons' Home. The in-

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terest in that Home is manifested by a gift of $25,000 for a new building from Scottish Rite Masons and Shriners, with the assurance of another $25,000 from the same sources as soon as meetings could be held for action in the matter.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood met December 4, at 6 o'clock A.M. M.·. E.·. F. W. Fitzpatrick, M.·. E.·. High Priest; R.·. E.·. J. F. Brinkerhoff, Secretary. Notwithstanding the early hour forty-eight Companions and twenty candidates were present. The latter were consecrated in Due and Ample Form.

This Fraternal Correspondence Report is the sixth by E.·. Companion Carlton E. Mead and like his preceding reports entitles him to much credit. His consideration of Massachusetts 1917 covers two pages. I have never questioned the right of the Grand Chapter of Texas to refuse to reaffiliate with the General Grand Chapter. For many years I have felt that if the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts was not a member of the General Grand Body it never would be if my vote could prevent it; and I have no hesitancy in saying if the proposed General Grand Constitution, presented at Baltimore, by which the sovereignty of our Grand Chapter within our State is denied or restricted, is adopted at the next Triennial one member of it will be ready to vote to sever its affiliation with the General Grand Chapter in the shortest manner possible.

UTAH 1919

EIGHTH ANNUAL — OGDEN, MAY 7

6 CHAPTERS — 784 MEMBERS — 13 GAIN

6 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT

Grand High Priest presiding, FRANK P. SHERWOOD

Grand High Priest elected, CHARLES F. DINSMORE, Ogden

Grand Secretary, WALTER DANIELS, Salt Lake City

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The printed Proceedings of this young Grand Chapter reflect much credit on the Grand Secretary and give ample evidence of the wisdom of his election to that important position.

In this address the Grand High Priest reported the Chapters throughout the State in good condition. The epidemic of influenza and war conditions had interfered with the activities of the Chapters and prevented a larger increase in membership. Thirty-nine were admitted, but unfortunately the deaths and dimits were twenty-six.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

May 1, 1918	Balance	$811.98
	Receipts	566.33
		$1,378.31
	Disbursements	785.77
May 6, 1919	Balance	$592.54
	Liberty Bonds	200.00
	Assets	$792.54

The Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held May 7, and three Companions were consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

M.·. E.·. Hermon J. Craven, President; R.·. E.·. Walter Daniels, Recorder.

I regret learning of the death of Arvis Scott Chapman who has, I think, written the Correspondence Reports of his Grand Chapter from its organization. He was an able and interesting writer, and I am surprised to find that had he lived three months longer he would have been eighty years old. His death is a great loss and he will be sadly missed. His successor in the correspondence field of Masonic labor is the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Peter Atherton Simpkin who, in lieu of an ordinary Correspondence Re-

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port, gives a loving and appreciative reference to the many excellent qualities of his predecessor, which I consider especially appropriate, and which clearly demonstrates that we will continue to receive interesting and instructive reports from Utah, if conditions permit their publication. I give him my most cordial and hearty fraternal greeting.

VERMONT 1919

ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND ANNUAL — BURLINGTON, JUNE 13
30 CHAPTERS — 4716 MEMBERS — 61 GAIN
24 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED
Grand High Priest presiding, WILLIAM H. BREWSTER
Grand High Priest elected, GEORGE I. WHITNEY, Bellows Falls
Grand Secretary, HENRY H. ROSS, Burlington

The Grand High Priest's address touches only matters that are purely of local interest.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

June 14, 1918	Balance	$6,794.61
	Receipts	2,167.37
		$8,961.98
	Disbursements*	3,435.17
June 12, 1919	Balance	$5,526.81
	Investments	8,500.00
		$14,026.81

M.·. E.·. Eugene S. Weston, for the Committee on Correspondence, wisely recommended postponing action on the request for recognition from the Grand Chapter of Queensland. Adopted.

The reports of the Grand Lecturer and District Deputy Grand High Priests show that war conditions, as well as the influenza, had interfered with their work in the subordinate Chapters.

*$1500 for Liberty Bonds.

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A Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held June 12, and eleven qualified Companions were regularly anointed.

M.·. E.·. J. Ross Roberts, President; E.·. George F. Root, Recorder.

The Report on Correspondence by M.·. E.·. Eugene S. Weston is a comprehensive and interesting review of forty-eight Grand Chapters. Fraternal consideration of Massachusetts 1918 occupies one and a half pages. He is opposed to Dual Membership and I can see but one reason for favoring it. A Companion holding Chapter membership in Vermont may become a resident of Boston. For different reasons he may not want to withdraw from his Chapter, but he desires to frequently visit one of our Chapters where he has many friends,—take an interest in its proceedings and regularly partake of its hospitality; but his conception of honorable conduct will not permit him to do so without contributing his share to the support of the Chapter, therefore he wishes to become a member of the Boston Chapter, without dimitting from the Vermont Chapter, which I consider a manly desire. The California case mentioned had no connection whatever with Dual Membership, and is as likely to occur in Vermont as in Massachusetts. The Brother after due trial was expelled from Masonry by our Grand Lodge. Later he moved to California and became quite active, and made many friends in some Masonic bodies, before it was known that he had been expelled. When that fact became known several of his friends in California petitioned our Grand Lodge to restore him to good standing, which was not done until information was received that he could live but a short time. He was then restored, but I think he never knew it, as he died the very day of, or very soon after, the action of the Grand Lodge.

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I am glad to have my statement regarding the ability of any Grand Officer in the Grand Chapter of Vermont, from the Grand High Priest to, and including, the Grand Secretary, to call a Convocation of the Grand Chapter corrected, yet I think the phraseology of that part of "Article 5" might be a little more easily understood if the words *in order of rank,* or words to that effect, were added immediately after the words "Grand Secretary."

VIRGINIA 1918

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH ANNUAL RICHMOND, NOVEMBER 26, 27

69 CHAPTERS 8725 MEMBERS 515 GAIN

39 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, JAMES BOWMAN

Grand High Priest elected, JAMES H. PRICE, Richmond

Grand Secretary, JAMES B. BLANKS, Petersburg

"An "Apology" giving information of the prolonged illness of the Grand Secretary greets one on turning the cover of the Proceedings. I would change its title to Thanksgiving. A sufficient recovery to permit the resumption of his duties would justify the substitution. The R.·. E.·. Companion has served that office since 1895 and I hope his Grand Chapter will be blessed with many more years of his faithful services.

The Grand High Priest reported a dispensation to ballot on an application that had been rejected at a previous Convocation, as a mistake had been made at that time. The result was a clear ballot. Also a dispensation for the consolidation of Hosurco Chapter, No. 30, and Coeburn Chapter, No. 37, and by resolution in Committee of the Whole the consolidation was approved under the name of Craig Chapter, No. 30, to be located at Norton.

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He issued many dispensations to ballot and confer degrees on account of emergencies resulting from war conditions.

The address was almost purely of local interest and contained no decisions or recommendations.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

October 18, 1917	Balance	$724.84
	Receipts	4,525.76
		$5,250.60
	Disbursements	4,871.81
October 7, 1918	Balance	$378.79
	Bonds	1,500.00
	Assets	$2,878.79

Donations from thirty-nine chapters and one Companion amounting to $1,133 were received by the Grand Secretary for the Masonic Home.

The report of the Grand Lecturer gives evidence that he is an active and earnest Companion. In the report of his visit to St. John's Chapter at Newport News he says, "We conferred the D. and R. and M. E. N. degrees upon four candidates." I would like to be told what those degrees are. I do not recognize them as any degrees in Chapter or Council in Massachusetts.

The duties of a Grand Lecturer in Virginia are much more burdensome than in Massachusetts. He remained twenty-one days with one chapter conferring degrees and giving instruction, while one of our Grand Lecturers may not be away from his home overnight more than three or four times a year at District Exemplifications. In my opinion chapters should not be constituted or officers installed until they can do the work without extensive instruction.

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The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests convened November 26 and twenty excellent companions were consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order. M.·. E.·. James E. Alexander, President; R.·. E.·. James B. Blanks, Recorder.

The "Fraternal Correspondence" is by that veteran correspondent and Confederate soldier companion, Joseph W. Eggleston. I think he has written his Grand Lodge reports for over twenty years, and it is not at all surprising that he gives his companions very interesting Capitular reports. His fraternal review of Massachusetts 1917 occupies two pages. He does not approve our having a copy of our ritual, which he calls "printed," but which is written. Well it is not a subject for argument, as he is undoubtedly Masonically correct. I can only say in its favor that it serves a good purpose when differences in opinions arise regarding it and prevents the change of a word in our authorized ritual, which without doubt would have occurred had we not had a positive standard.

WASHINGTON 1918

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL — CHEHALIS, SEPTEMBER 9, 10

38 CHAPTERS — 4878 MEMBERS — 115 GAIN

34 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS NOT REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, CHARLES G. SMYTH

Grand High Priest elected, JACOB H. MILLER, Wenatchee

Grand Secretary YANCEY C. BLALOCK, Walla Walla

The Grand High Priest's address, covering eleven pages, contains very little that is especially interesting other than locally. He found "some difference of opinion in regard to the ritual" and called a meeting of the Grand Officers and the Committee on Interpretation of the Ritual, at which the points in dispute were "satisfactorily settled." An official

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ritual in the care of the Grand Secretary or Grand Lecturer would quickly decide any question that arose regarding it.

Thirteen dispensations to use one substitute in the Royal Arch Degree were reported which would not be necessary in Massachusetts.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

September 10, 1917	Balance	$5,582.04
	Receipts	4,034.38
		$9,616.42
	Disbursements	4,391.78
September 9, 1918	Balance	$5,224.64

The Committee on Grand Officers' Reports wisely suggested that copies of letters included in the Grand High Priest's report be eliminated from the printed procceedings so far as practicable. Very few letters received by a Grand High Priest require inclusion in his address unless he wishes to increase its length.

A recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence allowing Chapters to work the Mark, Past and Most Excellent degrees in the rooms of any regular lodge within their respective jurisdictions was adopted, which I am inclined to favor where there are long distances between Chapters.

At the Annual Convocation of 1917 the then Grand High Priest proposed an amendment of the By-Laws, providing that any two companions could propose a Master Mason for the Capitular degrees. The proposal was to go to a committee and a ballot without the brother's knowledge. If he was elected he was to be notified of the fact and invited to become a member of the Chapter. If the proposal was rejected the brother could not be proposed again for

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one year. If he was elected in two or more Chapters he was to be allowed to choose the Chapter he would join.

The amendment was referred to a committee who at this Convocation reported in favor of its adoption and the report was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. That Committee reported adversly to its adoption and its report was adopted by the Grand Chapter.

I congratulate the Committee on Jurisprudence on its report and the Grand Chapter on its adoption. In my opinion the adoption of such a law would be a decided injury to Capitular Masonry. I mention the matter simply to show the members of our Chapters one of the great differences of opinions regarding the real interests of our Order one discovers in reading the printed proceedings of other Grand Bodies.

In his address the Grand High Priest reported a decision that a request from a Chapter to a Chapter in another jurisdiction to have degrees conferred "by courtesy" (and of course *vice versa*) should go directly to the other subordinate Chapter, saying the only reason he could see for having such requests go through the Grand High Priest was the assurance that the request was made by a regular Chapter, which alone appears a sufficient reason for a reversal of the decision. However it received the approval of the Committee on Jurisprudence and the Grand Chapter.

For the information of the Companions in Washington I will say that if that courtesy is desired from a Chapter in Massachusetts the request must come through the Grand High Priest or Grand Secretary which would give the assurance that it was for a regularly constituted chapter and had the approval of the Grand Chapter. We are always glad to confer degrees as a courtesy to other Grand Chapters, but are not able to identify the signatures of the High Priests or Secretaries of subordinate Chapters, therefore we pursue the safer course.

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The Annual Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood was held September 9. M.·. E.·. Horace W. Tyler, President; R.·. E.·. Yancey C. Blalock, Recorder. Both re-elected. Twelve eligible Companions were regularly set apart to the Holy Order.

So much of the proceedings was required for the roster of the subordinate Chapters that R.·. E.·. Yancey C. Blalock intentionally made his twenty-eighth Report on Correspondence "mainly statistical," which I regret. He complimented Massachusetts 1917 by an excerpt from our Grand High Priest's address.

WASHINGTON 1919

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL — ELLENSBURG, MAY 5, 6

37 CHAPTERS — 4861 MEMBERS — 17 LOSS

35 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT

Grand High Priest presiding, JACOB H. MILLER

Grand High Priest elected, EDWIN H. VAN PATTEN, Dayton

Grand Secretary, YANCEY C. BLALOCK, Walla Walla

The Grand High Priest in his address referred to a peculiar incident. A Companion expressed a verbal objection to the High Priest of his Chapter to the degrees being conferred on an applicant "whether the ballot was favorable or not," but, from the correspondence given, it appears that the High Priest in an irregular manner caused action to be taken on the petition, and conferred the Mark Degree on the candidate objected to. On having the matter brought before him the Grand High Priest declared the office of High Priest of that Chapter vacant until further notice. As the deposed High Priest claimed the matter had not been fully investigated, the Committee on Jurisprudence, assuming that the Grand High Priest was in possession of information to justify his action,

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recommended its approval, but also recommended referring the matter to the incoming Grand High Priest with full power. Report adopted.

The Charter on Waterville Chapter, No. 34, was surrendered.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

September 9, 1918	Balance	$5,224.64
	Receipts	3,784.54
		$9,009.18
	Disbursements	4,566.15
May 5, 1919	Balance	$4,443.03
	U. S. Bonds	2,000.00
	Assets	$6,443.03

The Grand Orator, E.·. James McCormack, who disclaims the possession of "any of the necessary qualifications" for the office gave an excellent address covering six pages.

The Order of High Priesthood met May 5, and eighteen qualified Companions were regularly set apart to the Order. M.·. E.·. Horace W. Tyler, President; R.·. E.·. Yancey C. Blalock, Recorder.

The Report on Correspondence is the twenty-ninth presented by R.·. E.·. Yancey C. Blalock, the Grand Secretary. His review of Massachusetts 1918 occupies nearly two pages. The change of the time of the Convocation from September to May resulted in his having received the Proceedings of but thirty-three Grand Chapters. I give the closing paragraph of the report:

"Now is the time we should show what we mean and how we regard Masonry in all its branches, as there are more serious matters to come before the world than ever before and which should be settled in the main by the influence of the teachings of our Order. May the Grand High Priest of Heaven and Earth be with and guide all in their deliberations."

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WEST VIRGINIA 1918

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL WHEELING, DECEMBER 9, 10
43 CHAPTERS 7738 MEMBERS 302 GAIN
34 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT
Grand High Priest presiding, L. H. CLARK
Grand Priest elected, BENJ. A. CARUTHERS, Charleston
Grand Secretary, D. K. REED, Clarksburg

The address of the Grand High Priest is confined to matters of purely local interest.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

November 1, 1917	Balance	$9,886.59
	Receipts	4,191.44
		$14,078.03
	Disbursements	2,898.43
December 9, 1918	Balance	$11,179.60

The Grand Secretary reported having had eight hundred copies of the Proceedings of last year printed and the supply was nearly exhausted. He suggested printing a larger number or reducing the number sent to other Grand Chapters. The general custom among Grand Chapters is to send three copies to each Grand Chapter, one for the Grand High Priest, one for the Grand Secretary, and one for the Correspondence Committee. The last two certainly should receive copies, if there be such a committee, and it is a courteous act to also send one to each Grand High Priest. West Virginia is more liberal in distributing its printed Proceedings than our own Grand Chapter. With double the number of Chapters, and over three times the membership, we issue about three-quarters the number of Proceedings. With the present cost of printing it is wise to be conservative in the distribution. Undoubtedly many, *many* copies that are distributed are of very little or no

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value to the recipient who would not pay fifty cents for his copy, yet this year it will cost his Grand Chapter several times that amount. The distribution is worthy of consideration in every Grand Chapter.

A Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held December 10, and applications for the Order from nine Companions were received. No record of anointment. M.·. E.·. Braxton D. Gibson, President; M.·. E.·. D. K. Reed, Recorder.

M.·. E.·. Kephart D. Walker, the senior living Past Grand High Priest (1876-77), the third Grand High Priest of West Virginia, presented the Review of other Grand Chapters, closing in part with these words:

> "In conclusion I have this to say to my Companions of West Virginia, for nearly fifty years I have been an active worker in all of our Masonic Bodies, 'both Supreme and Subordinate,' but the infirmities of eighty-two years of life remind me that it is time to call a halt, this I now do. This is the last compilation that I will prepare for your information, and in all probability I will never be with you again at our Annual Convocation."

I sincerely hope his life may be continued as long as it can give him pleasure, for the benefit of his Grand Chapter and companions.

WISCONSIN 1919

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL — MILWAUKEE, FEBRUARY 18, 19

94 CHAPTERS — 13,615 MEMBERS — 398 GAIN

85 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTED

Grand High Priest presiding, MICHAEL BARRY

Grand High Priest elected, GEORGE H. KEENAN, Madison

Grand Secretary, WILLIAM W. PERRY, Milwaukee

In his address the Grand High Priest reported the constitution of two Chapters, Chilton Chapter, at Chilton, and Shawano Chapter, at Shawano.

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Under "Decisions" he ruled that a Master Mason, who had lost a part of his left arm, was not eligible to receive the Chapter Degrees, which agrees with rulings that would be given in some other Capitular Jurisdiction, but in my opinion increases the brother's misfortune while the true spirit of the Masonry of today should help him to bear it.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

February 20, 1918	Balance	$8,607.70
	Receipts	6,758.50
		$15,366.20
	Disbursements	6,282.91
February 18, 1919	Balance	$9,083.29
	In Trustees' Hands	9,378.75
February 19, 1919	Received from Grand Secretary	1,182.80
	Assets	$19,644.84

Wisconsin, like Massachusetts, does not use the General Grand Chapter ritual. The delegates who attended the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter of Baltimore in their report referring to the proposed new constitution say:

"Many changes vital to the interest of the different Grand Chapters were proposed which seemed to meet with some opposition, the opinion of some being that the new constitution, if adopted as read, would clothe the General Grand Chapter with arbitrary powers which rightfully belong to the several Grand Chapters."

I think I can assure our Companions in Wisconsin that the delegates from the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts to the Triennial to be held in 1921 will do all they can to prevent the adoption of the proposed constitution.

A Convention of Anointed High Priests was held February 18, and fifteen qualified Companions set apart to the Holy Order.

M.·. E.·. Samuel Wright, President; R.·. E.·. William W. Perry, Recorder.

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The Correspondence Report of fifty-four pages by M.·. E.·. Samuel Wright, in addition to other interesting matters, contains a table giving the percentage of loss in membership from suspension for non-payment of dues in different Grand Chapters varying from "0" in Delaware to 4½ in Alabama.

He gives the percentage of loss in Massachusetts as ¾ of one percent. Our membership in 1918 was 26,848, and our suspensions 130, which I make less than ½ of one percent.

WYOMING 1919

ELEVENTH ANNUAL — LARAMIE, JULY 10
12 CHAPTERS — 1278 MEMBERS — 152 GAIN
10 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED
MASSACHUSETTS ABSENT
Grand High Priest presiding, ARTHUR C. JONES
Grand High Priest elected, WILLIAM PUGH, Evanston
Grand Secretary, ADRIAN J. PARSHALL, Cheyenne

In his address the Grand High Priest mentions receiving applications for dispensations by telegraph, and recommends that the practice be discontinued. It is in his power to discontinue them by refusing to grant dispensations on requests so received. He reported the receipt of this telegram:

"Rush wire dispensation for special meetings waiving statutory time limit account of so many applicants desirous of receiving Shrine before June 26."

I was surprised that any High Priest should send such a message, but much more surprised by the answer of the Grand High Priest granting the dispensation "*for the reasons stated.*" In the words of the Grand High Priest "it is no easy matter to reverse one's own action," but he proved himself equal to the occasion and telegraphed with-

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drawing the dispensation the following day. I have much respect for a man who frankly admits that he has made a mistake.

He reported the issue of a dispensation to form a new Chapter, Buffalo Chapter, at Buffalo, and a charter was granted that Chapter later in the session.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

July 11, 1918	Balance	$858.00
	Receipts	1,717.00
		$2,575.00
	Disbursements	1,331.00
		$1,244.00

At its organization this Grand Chapter adopted the ritual of the General Grand Chapter in which several changes were made at the Triennial Convocation of that body in Baltimore last year. On recommendation of a special committee appointed to examine the revised ritual the Grand Chapter voted to adopt it, placing certain restrictions in handling the printed rituals to, so far as possible, insure their safety.

A special committee was appointed "to consider the proposed extension of the scope and authority of the General Grand Chapter."

The Grand Convention of the Holy Order of High Priesthood met in Laramie, December 11, 1918. A special Convocation was held in the same place July 6, 1919, and one eligible Companion was consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order.

M.·. E.·. Jesse Converse, President; E.·. Frank E. Hepner, Secretary.

The Report on Correspondence by M.·. E.·. Adrian J. Parshall fully maintains the excellent quality of his pre-

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ceding reports and evidences a close study of Masonic affairs. He gives Massachusetts 1918 fraternal consideration occupying nearly four pages. He wonders if our Quarterly Convocations are "worth while." The area of Wyoming is nearly twelve times as large as Massachusetts and the population of Massachusetts (1915), twenty-seven times that of Wyoming. In the latter state I would not consider Quarterlies advisable, but in Massachusetts we find them of great assistance in that they dispose of a sufficient amount of business to allow that of our Annual Convocation to be attended to in one day. They also afford an opportunity for the officers of our Chapters to become better acquainted, consult and exchange views with each other, by meeting four times a year, which they enjoy and which is really beneficial to them.

He thinks I am "disposed to be somewhat alarmed" regarding the proposed new constitution for the General Grand Chapter. Well I am "somewhat alarmed" about the effect the adoption of that constitution would have on the General Grand Body, as I know its adoption would displace present harmony and peace and substitute discontent and discord if not withdrawal of some Grand Chapters. I am pleased by finding a reproduction of the part of my 1918 Report, referring to that proposed new constitution, included in the review of our Grand Chapter, and wish the M.·. E.·. Companion had given his opinion of the matter. I can assure him it is a fair expression of the opinion of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts and believe the same opinion is held in some other jurisdictions.

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